

### **SCHOOL YEAR/SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar for the ensuing year will be prepared by the Superintendent and submitted to the School Committee for approval annually. The number of days or instructional hours scheduled for the school year will be determined in accordance with the following standards set by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education:

1. The School Committee shall schedule a school year which includes at least 180 school days for each school in the District.
2. Elementary school will operate for a minimum of 180 days, every elementary school student is scheduled to receive a minimum of 900 hours of structured learning time per school year, as defined in 603 CMR 27.02. Time which a student spends at school breakfast and lunch, passing between classes, in homeroom, at recess, in non-directed study periods, receiving school services, and participating in optional school programs shall not count toward meeting the minimum structured learning time requirements for that student.
3. Secondary school will operate for a minimum of 180 days, every secondary school student is scheduled to receive a minimum of 990 hours of structured learning time per school year, as defined in 603 CMR 27.02. Time which a student spends at school breakfast and lunch, passing between classes, in homeroom, at recess, in non-directed study periods, receiving school services, and participating in optional school programs shall not count toward meeting the minimum structured learning time requirement for that student.

For the information of staff, students, and parent/guardians, the calendar will set forth the days that schools will be in session; holidays and vacation periods; in service days; and parent/guardian conferences.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 4:7; 69:1G; 71:1; 71:4; 71:4A; 71:73; 136:12  
Board of Education Regulations for School Year and School Day,  
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Board of Education, Student Learning Time Regulations

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