

## INSTRUCTION

### **6:20 School Year Calendar and Day**

#### School Calendar

Each year the Board shall approve a school calendar. The School Calendar shall comply with State Statute by making provision for the opening and closing of school, indicating the length of the authorized vacation periods, recognizing legal school holidays, recognizing commemorative holidays, recognizing emergency days, and recognizing minimum attendance requirements.

The calendar for the school term and any changes must be submitted to and approved by the regional superintendent before the calendar or changes may take effect.

#### Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The School Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

#### School Day

State law prescribes, with certain exceptions, a school day with a minimum of five clock hours of school work.

The Superintendent is instructed to establish a school day that meets the above requirements. However, the Board desires that the school day be of sufficient length to allow students an opportunity to participate fully in the curriculum of the District.

The length of the school day should be as consistent as possible at various schools through the District; however, the Superintendent is authorized to make minor changes in opening and closing times to facilitate the scheduling of the District's programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

#### LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-24.46, 5/18-8.05, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, 5/27-20.2, and 20/1.

10 ILCS 5/11-4.1.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).

Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd* by 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.:2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)

ADOPTED:January 21, 2015

**Canton Union SD 66**

---