

## IC - SCHOOL YEAR

*Category: Recommended*

*Related Policies: EBCD & IMBA*

### **School Year**

The school year shall be a minimum of 180 days for instruction (or the equivalent minimum number of hours) as required by RSA 189:1 and Ed 306.18 and an additional 60 hours must be scheduled to provide for instructional time lost due to inclement weather or unexpected circumstances, staff development, and parent-teacher conferences. At least 30 of the 60 additional hours shall be available for rescheduling hours lost due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

The school year for certified and non-certified professionals shall be consistent with individual contracts and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Under special circumstances, the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

### **School Calendar**

The school calendar will be developed by the Superintendent and submitted to the Board for approval. Any exceptions or revisions to the calendar thereafter must be approved in advance by the Board. The Superintendent shall ensure that the calendar conforms to the number of actual days of instruction and employment as required by law, Board policy, and staff contracts.

To the extent possible, the calendar will be coordinated with the school calendars of the applicable Career and Technical Education Centers and regional special education programs.

The high school graduation date shall be set no more than 5 school days or 30 instructional hours before the end of the scheduled school year. The date may remain fixed (so long as the equivalent minimum number of hours as required by RSA 189:1 and Ed 306.18 are met) notwithstanding the need for other grades to make up days lost to inclement weather or other emergencies.

Pursuant to RSA 288:4, III, any holiday included in the school calendar that corresponds to a State "legal" holiday shall use the name for such holiday as designated in RSA 288:1. As of 2024, these include: January 1, Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. All schools receiving State funds are required to observe Veterans Day. Additionally, such names shall be used on any "official" communication, publication, document or calendar.

### **Legal Reference:**

*RSA 189:1, Days of School*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.18, School Year*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.19, School Calendar*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.27 (q), High School Schedule for Seniors/Graduation*

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