

IC - SCHOOL YEAR

Option 1: 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.

~~The school year shall be a minimum of 190 days, including a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and additional days for the teaching staff, emergency days, etc.~~

~~Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during recess periods, as approved by the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation.~~

Option 2: 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.

~~District schools will be available for a minimum of 180 days per year for pupil instruction, but instructional requirements for each student may be met with students in attendance a minimum of 990 hours per school year for middle and senior high schools and a minimum of 945 hours per school year for elementary schools, with additional time scheduled for the teaching staff, emergency days, etc.~~

~~Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during recess periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.~~

~~Either option may have collective bargaining implications.~~

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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