SCHOOL CALENDAR
START AND END DATE REQUIREMENTS
2003-2018

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DAYS AND HOURS REQUIREMENTS

- 2003:   180 days **AND** 1000 hours

- 2011:   185 days **AND** 1025 hours – but 5 days can be converted to teacher workdays

- 2012: 185 days **OR** 1025 hours – no conversion of days

START AND END DATE REQUIREMENTS

- 2003: Local board discretion on setting start and end dates.

- 2004: Students can start no earlier than August 25, and end no later than June 10.

- 2012: Students can start no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and end no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

EXCEPTIONS

- Year-round Schools
- Grandfathered Modified School Calendars
- Both still in current law.

EXCEPTIONS

- Good Cause Waiver
  - What qualifies as a good cause? Severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.
  - How do you qualify? A school system must miss 8 days a year for at least 4 of the last 10 years

EXCEPTIONS

- Good Cause Waiver
  - Created in 2004.
  - 2010: Amended to allow partial day closures to count towards total
  - 2012: Partial day closures no longer count, and schools with waivers can start no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19.

REPEALED EXCEPTION

- Educational Purpose Waiver: A special calendar for a specific school to:

    - Operate a special program in the school.

    - Serve a special population of students.

    - Serve a defined program within a school.

- Created in 2004.

- Repealed in 2012.

EXEMPTIONS

- The following types of schools must provide 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction over 9 months – no other requirements:
  - Charter Schools
  - Cooperative Innovative High Schools
  - Regional Schools
  - Laboratory Schools

CURRENT STATUS OF SCHOOL CALENDAR LAW

- Must have 185 days **or** 1025 hours of instruction.

- Must start for students no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26.

  - Exceptions to start date are:

    - Good cause waivers

    - Year-round schools

    - Grandfathered modified calendars