

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGH POINT REGIONAL

NO. 8210

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School Year

8210. SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a school calendar is necessary to orderly educational planning and to the efficient operation of the district.

The Board shall determine annually the days and hours when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school calendar will provide no fewer than 180 days of instruction. Days on which school is closed for holidays, teachers' institutes, and inclement weather shall not be considered as days in session.

A school day shall consist of not less than four hours of actual instruction. A half-day class shall be considered the equivalent of a full day's attendance only if the class is in session for four hours or more, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

The Commissioner of Education shall annually prescribe a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse pupils for religious observance upon the written request signed by the parent or person standing in loco parentis. -Staff members shall avoid, whenever possible, scheduling a test on a religious holiday commonly observed by residents of the district.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare and submit to the Board a school calendar no later than May 1. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the pupils of this district.

The Superintendent may temporarily alter the regular school session when s/he deems such alteration advisable and feasible and in the best interest of the children of the district. The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss school early for emergency reasons and to protect the health and safety of students and staff members. The Superintendent shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of such emergency closings and shall, in all cases, inform the Board President as soon as possible.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16

N.J.S.A. 18A:54-25 [vocational districts]

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3

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