



School Board Policy Manual: School Year  
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**POLICY: IC**

The school year must meet or exceed New Hampshire's state requirement of 945 instructional hours for elementary students and 990 instructional hours for secondary students.

Instructional staff members will be scheduled the same number of instructional days as students, plus any additional days as defined in the appropriate collective bargaining agreement.

The school calendar will be developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. To the extent possible, the calendar will be coordinated with the school calendars of the area vocational school and regional special education programs.

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.

#### Legal References

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 Curriculum, Credits, Graduation Requirements, and Co-Curricular Program