

INSTRUCTION

School Year Calendar and Day

School Calendar

Subject to §§ 20-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement covering the employment of affected employees, the trustees of a school district shall set the number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in a school week. When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school week, or school day, the trustees shall: (a) negotiate the changes with the recognized collective bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; (c) and from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.

Commemorative Holidays

Teachers and students will devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board may from time to time designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Fiscal Year

At least the minimum number of aggregate hours must be conducted during each school fiscal year. The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:

- (a) A minimum of 360 aggregate hours for a kindergarten program;
- (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3;
- (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12; and
- (d) 1,050 hours may be sufficient for graduating seniors.

In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled for the following purposes:

- 1. Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;
- 2. Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);
- 3. Parent/teacher conferences, and;
- 4. Post-school record and report (not to exceed one day or one-half day at the end of each semester or quarter).

Legal References:	§ 20-1-301, MCA	School fiscal year
	§ 20-1-302, MCA	School day and week
	§ 20-1-304, MCA	Pupil-instruction-related day
	§ 20-1-306, MCA	Commemorative exercises on certain days
	10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
	10.65.101-03, ARM	Pupil-Instruction-Related Days
	10.55.906, ARM	High School Credit

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