

**Policy**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Little Silver Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a calendar for the instructional program of the schools is necessary for orderly educational planning and for the efficient operation of the district.

The board shall determine annually the days when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes. Such school calendar shall consist of no fewer than the 180 days of instruction required by law. 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, except that in an approved kindergarten, one continuous session of two and one half hours may be considered a full day. 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 (see board policy 5113 Attendance, Absences and Excuses).

When an interruption in educational programming causes a disabled student's performance to revert to a lower level of functioning that cannot be recouped within a reasonable length of time, an extended school year shall be provided in accordance with the student's IEP. In any case, the school year shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for nondisabled students.

The superintendent shall prepare the school calendar for board consideration in consultation with teacher and administrator association representatives and the Executive County Superintendent. The board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when feasible and advisable in the best interests of the children of the district.

The board shall adopt annually a list of religious holidays that shall consist as a minimum of those holidays designated by the commissioner of education. Student absences shall be excused for observance of board approved religious holidays (see policy 5113 Attendance, Absences and Excuses).

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Key Words

School Calendar

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 Aid to school districts conditioned on compliance with rules and standards for equalization of opportunity; aid withheld for noncompliance  
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3 Teaching, etc., on holidays not required  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1 School year  
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2 Time when schools are open; determination

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N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) General requirements  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3 School attendance

Piscataway Twp. Ed. Ass'n v. Piscataway Township BOE, App. Div. opinion, Dkt. No. A-7215-95T2, January 24, 1998

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*2210 Administrative leeway in absence of board policy  
\*5113 Absences and excuses  
\*5127 Commencement activities  
\*6112 School day  
\*6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness  
\*6146 Graduation requirements  
\*6171.4 Special education

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.