

Policy

SCHOOL DAY

The length of the school day and the length of periods of instruction at various levels shall be recommended by the superintendent and set by the board, and shall be in keeping with requirements of the State Board of Education.

The particular opening and closing hours for levels and/or schools shall also be subject to board approval. These opening and closing times shall be as uniform as possible at comparable levels throughout the district. The length of the school day shall be at least as long for students with disabilities as for nondisabled students.

The superintendent shall recommend for board approval the length of class periods and the frequency of instruction in individual subjects.

School administrators shall not dismiss school for any part of the school day without the approval of superintendent.

The superintendent may close school, delay the opening of school, or dismiss school early when such alteration in the regular session is required for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff members. The superintendent shall inform the board president of any such alteration as soon as possible and shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of any emergency closing of the schools.

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Key Words

School Day, Length of School Day

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:36-1 School year
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-2 Time when schools are open; determination
N.J.S.A. 18A:36-16 Rules regarding religious holidays
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c) General requirements
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3 School attendance

Possible

Cross References: *2210 Administrative leeway in absence of board policy
*5113 Absences and excuses
*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
*6111 School calendar
*6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness
*6141.2 Recognition of religious beliefs and customs
*6146 Graduation requirements
*6171.4 Special education

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