

501.1AP – School Calendar

Purpose

In accordance with Section 96 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education, subject to the Regulations, shall "specify the school opening day, the number of days of operation, the length of the school day, the number and length of recesses, the number of minutes of classroom instruction, and the vacation periods in a school year."

Therefore, the Board shall adopt a school calendar provided by the Ministry of Education or a local calendar subject to the *School Act* and Regulations and Bylaw Number 2 that includes a schedule of the days and hours of operation of the schools in the district and so inform the public.

As required by SCR 4(2) and 5(2), the dates of non-instructional days, including school-based ones shall be set by May 31 of the preceding year.

Procedure

1. Any reallocation of time is subject to the approval of the Superintendent and will be granted on condition that:
 - a) the requirement of yearly instructional hours and days are met, and,
 - b) there is approval by a majority of parents polled.
2. Any semester turn around day is contingent on there being the required number of instructional days.
3. By September 15 and by January 15, the allocated school based non-instructional days be established for the periods of September 15 to December 31 and/or January 1 to June 30 respectively, and parents so notified.
4. Each principal will publish the hours of operation for the school in a Parent Handbook or newsletter.
5. The Superintendent will make available a district list of schools and their hours of operation for instructional purposes.
6. The school calendar shall be approved by the Board of Education by May 15 of the preceding school year.
7. The public will be informed of the school calendar.

Legal References:

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