

## SCHOOL YEAR/SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the ensuing year will be prepared by the Superintendent and submitted to the School Committee for approval. The school year requirements and the school day requirements will be determined in accordance to the following standards set the Massachusetts Board of Education:

1. The school year shall include at least 185 scheduled school days and each school shall operate for a minimum of 180 school days.
2. Elementary schools will provide a minimum of 900 hours of structured learning time and secondary schools will provide a minimum of 990 hours of structured learning time per school year. "Structured learning time" means time engaged in regularly scheduled instruction, learning activities, or learning assessments within the curriculum of study of "core" subjects and "other" subjects, as defined by 603 CMR 27.00.
3. A separate school year and school day may be established for kindergarten programs as long as there are provisions for a minimum of 425 annual hours of structured learning time.
4. The time a student spends at school breakfast, lunch and recess, passing between classes, in homeroom and non-directed study periods, receiving school services, and participating in optional school programs shall not count toward meeting the minimum structured learning time requirements for that student.

For the information of staff, students, and parents, the calendar will set forth the days that schools will be in session, as well as holidays, vacation periods, inservice days and parent conferences.

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Legal References: M.G.L. 4:7; 15:1G; 69:1G; 71:1; 71:4A; 71:73; 136:12.  
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