

INSTRUCTION**School Year Calendar and Day****School Calendar**

The School Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have 185 days to insure 176 days of actual student attendance.

Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designed in The School Code 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 Day

The Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following occurs during each day of school attendance by students in accordance with State law:

1. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited; and
2. A brief period of silence is observed at the opening of the school day.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/18-8, and 5/24-2.
23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.420(f).
Metzl v. Leininger, 1995 WL 3640017 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.: 2.20, 5.200, 5.330, 6:60, 6:70, 7:90

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