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Section 8000 Operations

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The 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.

Classes shall not begin prior to September 1st except when holding year-round school or when so authorized by the Department of Public Instruction.

The Board shall determine annually the number of days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school year shall consist of student contact days, sufficient to meet all required student instruction time mandates set by State law, and shall contain a number of non-instructional days for parent-teacher conferences, staff education and training, or other reasons during which staff are required to report. When compensatory instruction is offered virtually for days when schools are closed for inclement weather or for parent-teacher conferences, staff in-services, or other reasons, such instruction may be counted when computing the minimum number of instructional hours required by the State, provided such instruction applies to the entire school or grade level and accessibility requirements have been satisfied. The Board shall determine annually the total number of days when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes. The school year shall consist of at least 180 days, of which no fewer than 175 days are instructional days, provided that the minimum number of hours of student instruction shall comply with the number of hours required by statute. Non instructional days for parent teacher conferences or other reasons during which staff are required to report are included in the 180 day requirement, but are not counted for purposes of reaching the minimum number of instructional days.

The District Administrator is authorized to work with the CESA on the development of a common calendar for all of the districts in the service area.

If school days are lost due to inclement weather, or other reason such that the amount of instructional time would fall below the required amount of time, the District Administrator shall determine whether additional school days during which student instruction will occur will be scheduled or whether additional instructional time shall be added to existing school days such that the required instructional time is reached. Non-instructional days lost due to inclement weather or other reasons may be made up at the discretion of the District Administrator. If school days are lost due to inclement weather, or other reason such that the number of instructional days would fall below 175 days, those days lost must be made up during the same school year on a day(s) determined by the District Administrator, subject to the provisions of any applicable collective bargaining agreement. Non-instructional days lost due to inclement weather or other reasons do not need to be made up during the school year.

The District Administrator shall certify to the Department of Public Instruction the number of days and hours of student instruction during the previous school year.

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