

## Instruction

### School Calendar

The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend a school calendar meeting all statutory requirements to the Board of Education for its review and approval.

The Board of Education may operate schools on state holidays providing a suitable nonsectarian educational program is held to observe the holiday, except for those holidays that occur in December and January.

The school calendar shall show school days in each school month, the number of school days in each month, legal and local holidays, professional development days, early closing days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates.

The Board, in establishing a graduation date, may establish for any school year a firm graduation date which is no earlier than the 180<sup>th</sup> day in the adopted school calendar. The graduation date may be modified, if necessary, after April first in any school year by the Board establishing a firm graduation date which, at the time of such establishment, provides for at least 180 days of school.

For the school years commencing July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015, the Board of Education may adopt the RESC approved uniform regional school calendar.

For the school year commencing July 1, 2016, and each school year thereafter, the Board of Education shall use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar.

The Board of Education may delay implementation of the uniform regional school calendar until the school year commencing July 1, 2017, because of an existing employee contract that makes the implementation of such calendar impossible.

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-4 Days designated as legal holidays

10-15 Towns to maintain schools, as amended by P.A. 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap.

10-29a Certain days to be proclaimed by governor. Distribution and number of proclamations

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10-261 Definitions

PA 95-182 An Act Concerning Reduction of Education Mandates

PA 96-108 An Act Concerning Student Use of Telecommunication Devices and the Establishment of Graduation Dates

PA 13-247, An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015 Concerning General Government, Sections 321-324.

PA 14-38, An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Uniform Regional School Calendar Task Force.

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