

School Calendar Law Information

In 2003, the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted a new calendar mandate in *G.S. 115C-84.2*. This mandate was revised in 2011, by the General Assembly of North Carolina and rewritten as:

- a) Each local board shall adopt a school calendar consisting of 215 days. A minimum of ~~180~~ 185 student days **and** ~~1000~~ 1025 instructional hours.
- b) The school calendar shall include a plan for making up days and hours missed due to inclement weather.
- c) The calendar shall include a minimum of 10 annual leave days, the same or equivalent number of legal holidays, **and** ~~5 protected teacher workdays~~.
- d) ~~The 5 protected workdays shall include one day at the beginning of the school year and one day at the end of each academic quarter.~~
- e) The remaining 10 days shall be scheduled as teacher workdays, additional instruction days or other lawful reasons. The local board, principals and school improvement teams shall work together to determine the days to be scheduled and the purposes for which they should be scheduled.
- f) At least ~~7~~ 2 of these days (from ~~d~~ & e) shall be designated as days on which teachers may take annual leave.
- g) Local boards shall consult with parents and employed public school personnel in the development of the school calendar.
- h) The opening date for students shall not be before August 25, and the closing date for students shall not be after June 10.

Note: These changes will go into effect with the 2012-13 school year as a waiver was approved by the NC Department of Public Instruction to keep 180 student days and 15 teacher workdays in place for the 2011-12 school year.