

Marion County Board of Education

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No later than the first week in May, the Board will adopt, upon the recommendation of the director of schools, an official school calendar for the succeeding school year. The calendar will identify holidays, vacation days, summer sessions and other extensions of the school year. The calendar may be revised by the Board, upon recommendation of the director of schools, due to inclement weather or other factors.

The regular school year shall be 200 days¹ and scheduled as follows:

- A minimum of 180 student attendance days;
- A minimum of five (5) days in-service education for all certificated personnel;
- One (1) day for parent-teacher conferences;
- Ten (10) days paid vacation for all certificated personnel; and
- Four (4) discretionary days.

Extended contracts shall include twenty (20) days for each additional month employed.

The director of schools shall plan each year's program accounting for a 200-day year and shall recommend it to the Board for approval. The calendar shall be distributed to the school staff at the opening of the school term.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS

When schools are closed due to emergencies or unforeseen circumstances such as epidemics or inclement weather, the time lost shall be made up to the required minimum unless otherwise approved by the State Department of Education.

IN-SERVICE EDUCATION

Each day of in-service education included in the school calendar shall be equivalent to not less than six (6) hours of planned activities.²

DISCRETIONARY DAYS

Four (4) discretionary days shall be included in the calendar and may be designated by the Board as student attendance days, in-service days or administrative days, which may be used by administrators, faculty and staff for preparation for commencement of classes, record keeping, grading examinations, parent-teacher conferences and other classroom functions.¹

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-3004
2. State Board of Education Guidelines for Planning Approvable In-Service Education Activities

Cross References:

- Compensation Guides and Contracts 5.110
- In-Service & Staff Development Opportunities 5.113
- Attendance 6.200