

UNIONVILLE- CHADDS FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL CALENDAR

POLICY

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803. SCHOOL CALENDAR

1. Purpose

The Board recognizes that preparation of an annual school calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the district.

2. Authority SC 1501

The Board shall determine annually the days and the hours when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes, in accordance with state law.

SC 1501
22 Pa. Code
Sec. 4.4, 11.1

The school calendar shall normally consist of at least 182 student days.

The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when it is in the best interests of the district.

3. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall prepare a school calendar for Board approval using the following design procedures.

School Code 1501

1. Establish the starting date for students as the last Monday in August.

22 Pa. Code
Sec. 4.4, 11.1

2. Establish common staff development days

3. Establish a last day of school before winter break:

- December 23 if New Year's Day falls on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday
- December 21 if New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

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4. Establish the date of return following winter break – January 2 unless it falls on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

5. Establish a spring break one or two weeks following the administration of PSSA reading and mathematics tests

6. Establish national holidays:

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving vacation on Thanksgiving and the following Friday
- Martin Luther King Day on day designated by federal government
- Presidents Day on day designated by federal government
- Memorial Day

7. Options

- Clerical/in-service days following each nine-week grading period
- In-service days before or after student holidays
- Special events (e.g., Community Fair days in Unionville)

8. Snow days added onto the end of the school year

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing guidelines to address student and staff observance of religious holidays.