

# **602.01 School Calendar**

Friday, August 11, 2023

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar shall accommodate the education program of the school district. The school calendar shall accommodate instruction for a minimum of 1,080 hours for students in grades nine through twelve, 1,032 hours for students in grades one through eight, and 400 hours for students in kindergarten. The school calendar shall include, but need not be limited to, days for student instruction, staff development, in-service days and teacher conferences.

The academic school year for students is considered to include a minimum of one-hundred and seventy-five days in the school calendar.

The board, in its discretion, may excuse graduating seniors from up to five days of instruction after the school district requirements for graduation have been met. The board may also excuse graduating seniors from making up days missed due to inclement weather if the student has met the school district's graduation requirements.

To the extent possible, practice for, travel to, and participation in activities sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Department of Education will be scheduled outside the regular 1,032 and 1,080 hour standard. Individual student absences because of illness or family-centered activities will be governed by the district attendance policies. The minimum hours shall not include time when school is dismissed due to inclement weather, funerals, parent-teacher conferences, parades, picnics, and tournaments.

It is the intent of the board of education to strike a sensible balance between the time spent on academics and the time spent on extracurricular activities. The board of education acknowledges the fact that both play an important part in each student's total development.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-211

NDE Rule 10.012.01B

Cross Reference: 503 Student Attendance