

Instruction

School Calendar

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Governing Board a calendar for each school that will meet the requirements of law; the work year negotiated for represented personnel; the needs of the community and students. The Board believes that parent involvement and participation in creating the school calendar should be facilitated.

Each school calendar shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, orientation meeting days, minimum days, vacation periods and other pertinent dates.

The district shall offer 180 days of instruction per school year.

Staff development days shall not be counted as instructional days.

Notification of the schedule of minimum days shall be sent to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. If any minimum days are added to the schedule, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the affected students as soon as possible and at least one month before the scheduled minimum day. (Education Code [48980](#))

If a school will be used as a polling place on an election day, the Board shall determine whether to continue school in session, designate the day for staff training and development, or close the school to students and nonclassified staff. (Elections Code 12283)

Scheduling of School Events:

1. Staff shall make every effort to schedule one-time events, such as examinations, school-sponsored trips, special laboratories, picture-taking days, and class parties, to minimize conflicts with major religious holidays of all faiths.
2. Program and activity planners shall take into consideration the diverse religious faiths represented in the community, student body, and staff.
3. Written requests for the postponing of school events due to a conflict shall be considered by the Superintendent or designee.
4. School sites within the district reserve the right to postpone events and modify scheduled events as needed at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[37200-37202](#) School calendar

[37220-37223](#) Holidays

[37252-37253.5](#) Summer school

[37300-37307](#) Year-Round School Demonstration Project

[37600-37672](#) Continuous school programs: year-round schools, especially:

[37618](#) School calendar

[37700-37713](#) Four-day week

[41422](#) Schools not maintained for 175 days

[41530-41532](#) Professional Development Block Grant

[46200-46206](#) Incentives for longer instructional day and year

[46300](#) Method of computing ADA

[48980](#) Notice at beginning of term

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

[44579-44579.6](#) Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform Program

ELECTIONS CODE

[12283](#) School closures, election days