

INSTRUCTION Series 6000 Policy #6015.1.1

School Calendar

The Executive Director of EASTCONN shall recommend school calendars meeting all statutory requirements to the EASTCONN Board of Directors for its review and modified as it believes appropriate, for its approval.

The calendars recommended to the EASTCONN Board of Directors may include the operation of schools on state holidays providing a suitable nonsectarian educational program is held to observe the holiday, except for those holidays that occur in December and January.

The school calendar shall show school days in each school month, the number of school days in each month, legal and local holidays, staff development days, early closing days, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates, including graduation for students in grade twelve.

Note: A Board of Directors for a school that has been designated as a low achieving school pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of C.G.S. <u>10</u>-223e may increase the number of actual school sessions during each year, and may increase the number of hours of actual school work per session in order to improve student performance and remove the school from the list of schools designated as a low achieving school maintained by the State Board of Education .

The Board, in establishing a graduation date, may establish for any school year a firm graduation date which is no earlier than the one-hundred eighty-fifth day in the adopted school calendar. The graduation date may be modified, if necessary, after April first in any school year by the Board establishing a firm graduation date which, at the time of such establishment, provides for at least 180 days of school.

To benefit children, families, and school staff in their planning, multiple year school calendars are preferable to single year school calendars.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-4 Days designated as legal holidays.

<u>10</u>-15 Towns to maintain schools, as amended by PA 11-85, An Act Concerning the Achievement Gap.

<u>10</u>-29a Certain days to be proclaimed by governor. Distribution and number of proclamations.

10-261 Definitions.

10-16l Establishment of graduation date.

10-233j Student possession and use of telecommunication devices.

PA 13-247, An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015 Concerning General Government, Sections 321-324.

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