

Instruction

School Year Calendar and Day

The Joint Agreement follows the calendars established by the administrative agent district. Staff working in classrooms housed in member districts shall follow that district's established calendar.

The Joint Agreement Administrative Office shall observe the school calendar of the administrative agent district. The Joint Agreement, upon the Director's recommendation and subject to State regulations, will establish the dates for teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

SELA Calendar:

The Social Emotional Learning Academy (SELA) shall develop its own calendar each year. The Director will attempt to align the SELA calendar with the administrative agent district's calendar.

Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in the School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Executive Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Day

The Executive Board establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Director and subject to State law requirements. The Director or designee shall ensure that observances required by State law are followed during each day of school attendance.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-24.56, 5/10-24.46, 5/10-30, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5,
5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, 5/27-20.2.
10 ILCS 5/11-4.1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).
Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd by* 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).

CROSS REF.: 6:70 (Teaching About Religions)

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