

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 803

Section: 800 Operations

Title: School Calendar

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803 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that the preparation of a calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the School District of Philadelphia (“District”). The purpose of this policy is to require the adoption of an annual school calendar that reflects the District’s commitment to its core beliefs and goals, including its commitment to equity.

Authority

As required by the Pennsylvania Public School Code and Pennsylvania Department of Education regulations, the Board shall develop an academic calendar.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of Schools, to establish an academic calendar annually, indicating the days and hours when the schools will be in session for instructional purposes in accordance with State law. [1][2][3][4][5]

The academic calendar shall be developed in conformity with collective bargaining agreements and law and shall take into consideration the following:

- The Board’s goals and Board policy;
- Stakeholder input and feedback;
- Strategies that improve academic and social-emotional outcomes for all students; and
- Current teacher practice and professional development.

The District shall develop administrative procedures to implement this Policy which shall include the following:

- A structure by which to seek stakeholder input and feedback.
- Protocols for enacting temporary provisions for attendance during periods of emergency in accordance with law. [5]

- Protocols regarding the District notifying the Board and documenting any alterations to the school calendar.

Legal References:

1. [24 P.S. § 1501](#)
2. [24 P.S. § 1502](#)
3. [24 P.S. § 1503](#)
4. [24 P.S. §1504](#)
5. [22 Pa. Code § 11.1-11.3](#)
6. [24 P.S. § 5-520.1](#)