

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES
Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

School Calendar

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Board that each school adopt an annual academic calendar that may not begin for students prior to August 23rd. Employees may be required to report to work at the school prior to August 23rd.

The academic school year for students must be for a minimum of 1080 hours. The school calendar must include, but is not limited to, the days for student instruction, staff professional and spiritual development, in-service days and parent-teacher conferences. Professional Development may not be counted for required instructional hours.

Special education students may attend school on a school calendar different from that of the regular education program consistent with their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The local board, in its discretion, may excuse graduating seniors from up to 30 hours of instruction after the school requirement 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's graduation requirements.

It is the responsibility of the school administrator to develop the school calendar for recommendation, approval, and adoption by the local board annually.

The board may amend the official school calendar when the board considers the change to be in the best interests of the school's education program. (IAC 281:12.1(7))

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