

8210 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Westfield Board of Education believes that the annual school calendar should further the district's instructional program for students and be responsive to the needs of the parent community and staff. Accordingly, the Superintendent is charged with the responsibility of drafting a calendar annually, which will incorporate the following principles:

1. Consideration of the days of religious observance, which affect large numbers of students and their families.
2. Commemoration and celebration of non-religious holidays, as well as historical and cultural events of significance to the community.
3. Inclusion of education breaks to provide for appropriate pacing of instruction, and recognition of the value of individual and family vacation time.
4. Consultation with the community at large, parents, students, staff and administration.
5. Consideration of the possible impact upon the schools of emergency dismissal days or snow days.
6. Consideration of the impact of staff development and parent conferences.

A school day shall consist of not less than four hours of actual instruction, except that in a Kindergarten, one continuous session of two and one half hours may be considered a full day. A half-day class shall be considered the equivalent of a fully day's attendance only if the class is in session for four hours or more, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

No later than February 1, the Superintendent shall, in consultation with the Board Policies Committee, annually prepare and submit to the Board a school calendar for approval. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the pupils of his district.

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