

Missoula County Public Schools
Instruction 2220
School Year Calendar and Day
School Calendar

Subject to §§ 20-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement covering the employment of affected employees, the Trustees of Missoula County Public Schools shall set the number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in a school week.

The trustees may approve and provide pupil instruction on Saturday provided that the instruction provided on Saturday does not count as a pupil-instruction day, does not count toward the minimum aggregate hours as required by law, and student attendance is voluntary.

When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school week, or school day, the Board shall: (a) if necessary, negotiate the changes with the recognized collective bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; and (c) solicit input from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.

Annually, the Board of Trustees shall adopt a school calendar, for the forthcoming year(s), by the April Board meeting.

Commemorative Holidays

Schools will be encouraged to devote a portion of the day, on or near commemorative holidays designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion, unless otherwise specified by law. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Fiscal Year

At least the minimum number of aggregate hours must be conducted during each school fiscal year. The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:

- (a) A minimum of 360 aggregate hours for a kindergarten program;
- (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3;
- (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12; and
- (d) 1,050 hours may be sufficient for graduating seniors.

In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled for the following purposes:

- 1. Pre-school staff orientation (not to exceed two (2) days);
- 2. Staff in-service training programs; and
- 3. Parent/teacher conferences.
- 4. Records Day

Legal References:

§ 20-1-301, MCA School fiscal year
§ 20-1-302, MCA School day and week
§ 20-1-303, MCA Conduct of school on Saturday or Sunday prohibited - exceptions
§ 20-1-304, MCA Pupil-instruction-related day
§ 20-1-306, MCA Commemorative exercises on certain days
10.55.701, ARM Board of Trustees
10.65.101-03, ARM Pupil-Instruction-Related Days

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