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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that preparation of an annual school calendar is necessary for the efficient operation of the center (school) **and communication with students, staff, parent/guardians, participating school districts and the center (school) community.**

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee shall determine annually the days and the hours when the center (school) shall be in session for instructional purposes, in accordance with state law and regulations. This may include, as appropriate, activities qualifying as instructional days **or hours** under the direction of certified center (school) employees for fulfilling the minimum required days **or hours** of instruction under law, regulations **and state guidance.**[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

The school calendar shall normally consist of a minimum of [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

{ } 180 student days.

{X} 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.

The Joint Operating Committee reserves the right to alter the school calendar when it is in the best interests of the center (school), **including in cases of emergency, in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Joint Operating Committee shall take action to establish temporary provisions in cases of emergency, in accordance with law, and shall document such actions with the PA Department of Education when required.**[\[2\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

Temporary provisions established in accordance with law may include but are not limited to:[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)

1. Keeping **center (school) programs** in session such days and **hours** as the Joint Operating Committee deems necessary, which shall include maintaining the requirement for a minimum of 180 student days **or 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level.**
2. Reducing the length of time of daily instruction for courses and classes.[\[15\]](#)
3. Implementing remote and other alternative methods of delivering instruction under the direction of certified center (school) employees.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Administrative Director shall annually prepare a school calendar for Joint Operating Committee consideration.

The Administrative Director shall communicate and cooperate with the participating school districts when preparing the proposed school calendar.

The Administrative Director or designee shall document alterations to the school calendar and any temporary **provisions in** accordance with law, regulations, guidance from the PA Department of Education **and** Joint Operating Committee policy.[\[15\]](#)

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Legal	1. 24 P.S. 133
	2. 24 P.S. 1501
	3. 24 P.S. 1502
	4. 24 P.S. 1503
	5. 24 P.S. 1504
	6. 24 P.S. 1505
	7. 24 P.S. 1506
	8. 22 PA Code 11.1
	9. 22 PA Code 11.2
	10. 22 PA Code 4.4
	11. 24 P.S. 520
	12. 24 P.S. 520.1
	13. 24 P.S. 1501.3
	14. Pol. 006

15. Pol. 805

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