

## SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District shall review and approve a school calendar annually. The minimum school term shall be at least one hundred eighty (180) days of school in which both teachers and pupils are in regular attendance for scheduled classroom instruction for not less than sixty-three percent (63%) of the instructional day, as defined by the school board for each school in the school district.

It shall be the policy of this district to provide sufficient instructional time for students to attain mastery of specific learner objectives at all instructional levels. Said time shall be allocated and protected to provide student engagement rates (time-on-task) which are sufficient to provide mastery. To ensure that adequate instructional time is provided, the Board of Trustees directs the superintendent and his staff to incorporate the following directives into all instructional plans for the district.

- A. The opening date of the school year for students shall be no earlier than August 1 and the closing date shall be no later than June 15.
- B. The school year shall consist of a minimum of 180 teaching days, each with a minimum of 330 minutes of instruction. The Commission on School Accreditation shall be requested to approve any scheduling configuration which does not meet the 330 minutes minimum per day. Each abbreviated day must provide at least 60% of the 330 minutes (198 minutes) minimum instructional time.
- C. Days on which extra-curricular activities prevent the completion of 330 minutes of instruction shall not be counted as one of the 180 teaching days, with no less than 330 minutes of academic instruction.
- D. The District will not participate in any activity that requires a student to miss more than a total of twenty (20) class periods in courses for which grades and/or units of credit are issued during the school year.
- E. During the school year, a student will not be allowed more than five (5) planned absences (activities) to occur in the same class period in courses for which grades and/or units of credit are issued.
- F. Athletic activities (practice, competition, or travel) are prohibited during the teaching day if the school is on a six-period day. If the teaching day in the school is comprised of seven periods, the student may participate in one class period which involves physical education or athletic practice. Travel time for competition may be scheduled during the seventh period if the student involved is scheduled for athletic activities during that period.

The school district schedules preparation for graduation ceremonies in such a manner that graduating seniors are absent from classes for no more than three days prior to the end of the school year. (177 days).

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi

LEGAL REF.: Mississippi Public Accountability Standards; :  
Miss. Code Ann. §37-13-61, 37-13-63  
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