

# POLICY

## GLEN RIDGE BOARD OF

### EDUCATION

8210 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education recognizes that the preparation of a calendar for the instructional program of the schools is necessary for orderly educational planning and for the efficient operation of the district.

The Board shall determine annually the days when the schools shall be in session for instructional purposes. Such school calendar shall consist of no fewer than 180 (one hundred eighty or more) days of instruction. Days on which school is closed for holidays, teachers' institutes, and inclement weather shall not be considered as days in session.

A school day shall consist of not less than four hours of actual instruction, except that in an approved 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 full day's attendance only if the class is in session for four hours or more, exclusive of recess periods or lunch periods.

An approved Kindergarten shall meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3.

The Commissioner of Education shall annually prescribe a list of religious holidays on which it shall be mandatory to excuse pupils for religious observance upon the written request signed by the parent or person standing in loco parentis. Staff members shall avoid, whenever possible, scheduling a test on a religious holiday commonly observed by the residents of the district.

The Superintendent shall, in consultation with the Glen Ridge Education Association and the Glen Ridge Administrators Association, annually prepare and submit to the Board a school calendar no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board reserves the right to finalize and/or alter the school calendar when such alteration is feasible and serves the best interests of the pupils of the district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:25-3; 18A:36-2; 18A:36-16

N.J.A.C. 6:3-9.3

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