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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 School Year Calendar and Day

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9 Subject to §§ 20-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement
10 covering the employment of affected employees, the trustees of a school district shall set the
11 number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in
12 a school week. When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school
13 week, or school day, the trustees shall: (a) negotiate the changes with the recognized collective
14 bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the
15 employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; (c)
16 and from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.

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18 Commemorative Holidays

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20 Teachers and students will devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday
21 designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The
22 Board may from time to time designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

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24 Saturday School

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26 Pupil instruction may be held on a Saturday at the discretion of a school district for the purpose
27 of providing additional pupil instruction, provided that: (a) Saturday school is not a pupil-
28 instruction day and does not count toward the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction; and
29 (b) student attendance is voluntary.

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31 School Fiscal Year

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

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

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40 The minimum aggregate hours, described above, are not required for any pupil demonstrating
41 proficiency pursuant to 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA.

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

- 45 1. Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;
46 2. Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);

3. Parent/teacher conferences; and
4. Post-school record and report (not to exceed one (1) day, or one-half (½) day at the end of each semester or quarter).

The Board of Trustees has established an advisory committee to develop, recommend, and evaluate the school district's yearly professional development plan. Each year the Board of Trustees shall adopt a professional development plan for the subsequent school year based on the recommendation of the advisory committee.

Legal References:	§ 20-1-301, MCA	School fiscal year
	§ 20-1-302, MCA	School term, 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
	§ 20-9-311, MCA	Calculation of Annual Number Belonging (ANB)
	ARM 10.55.701	Board of Trustees
	ARM 10.65.101, 103	Pupil-Instruction-Related Days
	ARM 10.55.714	Professional Development
	ARM 10.55.906	High School Credit

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