Fairfield Public Schools Board of Education Policy Guide

Instruction

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON STUDENT CALENDAR

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In developing a student calendar for submission to the Board of Education, the Superintendent shall consider the following objectives:

- Begin school during the last week of August;
- Provide for staff and student orientation days before the start of school;
- Review calendars of the regional program providers (e.g., CES) and coordinate the Fairfield calendar to the degree practical to facilitate student participation in regional programs;
- Avoid holding school on the optional State holidays (Veterans' Day, and Presidents' Day) in addition to Election Day and the first full day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur;
- On the eve of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur there will be no after school activities after 4:00 pm and no evening activities;
- Avoid holding school on Christmas Eve and schedule a half day of instruction on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving;
- Reopen schools after the December recess as close to January 1st as legally and practically permitted;
- Provide early release days for parent / teacher conferences in the fall and spring;
- Provide make-up dates for a minimum of five (5) school-closing days before make-up days are determined;
- Provide early release days throughout the year for professional development; and
- Avoid holding high school graduation on a Friday.

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