

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Policy shall be to provide for an appropriate and timely establishment of a School Calendar for each ensuing School Year.

**PHILOSOPHY:**

The School Committee recognizes that many factors are involved and/or are impacted by the establishment and implementation of a School Calendar. Included among these factors are the need for assurance that an established calendar is designed so as to reasonably fit the community's family needs, parent work schedules, student activities and relationships with State and local school districts, especially those with whom the North Kingstown Schools work most closely.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

To assure the establishment of an appropriate School Calendar for each ensuing school year the School Committee sets forth the following expectations:

1. The Superintendent of Schools shall submit a proposed calendar for the ensuing school year to the NEANK union leadership for comment and to the School Committee for preliminary consideration no later than at its last scheduled meeting in the month of February of each year.
2. The School Committee shall adopt the school calendar for the ensuing school year at its regular meeting in March of each year.

**CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS:**

In the establishment of a recommended school calendar, the Superintendent shall take under consideration the following factors:

1. A review and consideration of the general content and configuration of the recommended school calendar as established by the state Superintendent's Association.
2. Provision for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) student days of instruction with additional consideration to the identification of a one hundred eighty four (184) day school calendar as required by the Department of Education regulation.
3. The scheduling of specific designations within the school calendar should be arranged so as to provide for the most soundly established time frames of instruction as possible to enhance student learning.

4. The designation of a school starting day and ending day with said calendar starting as close to Labor Day as reasonable and ending as close to mid June as possible, considering all factors with are brought to bare on the overall calendar to represent North Kingstown.
5. The provision for the number of professional development days as established by and between the School Department and the Teacher's Association.
6. The identification of holidays as generally recognized on a national basis, along with any other such day(s) generally recognized by other school districts and other dates that are deemed appropriate to the wishes/needs and best interests of the community of North Kingstown as a whole.
7. Provision for parent/teacher conferences for grades K-8.
8. Clearly defined periods of school recess that are strategically scheduled throughout the school year, using all calendar days to maximum advantage.
9. Provision for make up days in the event of school closing due to inclement weather or other necessary, but unscheduled, school closings requiring make up time.

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