

Dickson County Board of Education

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1 No later than the end of the school year, the Board will adopt, upon the recommendation of the direc-
2 tor of schools, an official school calendar for the succeeding school year¹. The calendar will identify
3 holidays, vacation days, summer sessions and other extensions of the school year. The calendar may
4 be revised by the Board, upon recommendation of the director of schools, due to inclement weather or
5 other factors.

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7 The regular school year shall be 200 days¹ and scheduled as follows:

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9 A minimum of 180 student attendance days;
10 A minimum of five (5) days in-service education for all certificated personnel;
11 One (1) day for parent-teacher conferences;
12 Ten (10) days paid vacation for all certified personnel; and
13 Four (4) discretionary days.

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15 Extended contracts shall include twenty (20) days for each additional month employed.

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17 The director of schools shall plan each year's program accounting for a 200-day year and shall recom-
18 mend it to the Board for approval. The calendar shall be distributed to the school staff at the opening
19 of the school term.

20 21 **STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS**

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23 When schools are closed due to emergencies or unforeseen circumstances such as epidemics or inclem-
24 ent weather, the time lost shall be made up to the required minimum unless otherwise approved by the
25 State Department of Education.

26 27 **IN-SERVICE EDUCATION**

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29 Each day of in-service education included in the school calendar shall be equivalent to not less than six
30 (6) hours of planned activities.²

31 32 **DISCRETIONARY DAYS**

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34 Four (4) discretionary days shall be included in the calendar and may be designated by the Board as
35 student attendance days, in-service days or administrative days, which may be used by administrators,
36 faculty and staff for preparation for commencement of classes, record keeping, grading examinations,
37 parent-teacher conferences and other classroom functions.¹

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39 Legal References:

- 40 1. TCA 49-6-3004
41 2. State Board of Education Guidelines for Planning
Approvable In-Service Education Activities

Cross References:

- Compensation Guides and Contracts 5.110
In-Service & Staff Development Opportunities 5.113
Attendance 6.200