

SCHOOL YEAR/SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the ensuing year will be prepared by the Superintendent and submitted to the School Committee for approval annually. The number of days and/or instructional hours scheduled for the school year will be determined in accordance with the following standards set by the Massachusetts Board of Education:

1. Elementary schools will operate for a minimum of 180 days and a minimum of 900 hours per school year of learning time. Structured learning time, as defined in 603 CMR 27.02, will be the focus of that time. Time scheduled for school lunch, passing between classes, homeroom and recess will not count toward meeting the minimum learning time requirement.
2. Middle and High Schools will operate for a minimum of 180 days and a minimum of 990 hours per school year of learning time (as defined in 603 CMR 27.02).

For the information of staff, students, and parents, the calendar will set forth the days the Natick Schools will be in session; federal/state holidays and vacation periods; major religious holidays; staff development days; and parent conferences.

LEGAL REFS: M.G.L 4:7; 15:1G; 71:1; 71:4A; 71:73; 136:12
 603 CMR 27.02

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