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The school year shall consist of not less than 180 days of instruction, as provided by State Law.

It shall be the policy of the Committee to encourage and to support a statewide uniform school calendar.

The School Committee at its first meeting in February shall normally adopt the school calendar for the following school year. The Superintendent who shall consult with teachers, staff, students, and parent/guardian organizations in formulating the recommendation shall recommend the Calendar for adoption.

The school calendar shall provide for the following:

- The opening of school on the Wednesday that follows Labor Day.
- The following holidays shall be observed by the closing of all schools:
 1. Columbus Day
 2. Election Day (National)
 3. Veterans Day
 4. Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following
 5. Christmas Day
 6. New Year's Day
 7. Martin Luther King Day
 8. President's Day
 9. Good Friday
 10. Memorial Day
 11. Any other holidays declared by properly constituted authority

In accordance with RI Gen. Laws § 16-20-3, the following shall be days of special observance:

1. The twelfth day of February (as Grand Army Flag Day, in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln)
2. The last Friday in April (as Arbor Day)

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3. The fourth day of May (as Rhode Island Independence Day)
4. The thirteenth day of September (as Commodore John Barry Day)

When any of these days shall fall on Saturday, then the day preceding, or on Sunday then the day following, shall be especially observed with appropriate exercises in all the schools of this district. It shall be the duty of teachers and administrators to make suitable provisions for the proper observance of these days.

The Superintendent may cancel school sessions because of inclement weather and may dismiss school for the day when, in his or her judgment, the safety and welfare of the students so requires.

When it becomes necessary to make up instructional days in order to reach calendar requirements, unless otherwise directed by the School Committee.

References

RI Gen. Laws § 16-20-1
RI Gen. Laws § 16-20-3
RI Gen. Laws § 16-2-2

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