

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

IC – SCHOOL YEAR AND SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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The school year shall be a minimum of 190 days, including a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and additional days for the teaching staff, emergency days, etc.

Any days that the schools are closed for emergency reasons will be made up at the end of the school year or during vacation periods, as approved by the Board upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Under special circumstances, the Board may request an exception to this requirement from the State Board of Education.

Alternatively, the school year may consist of the number of hours as required by New Hampshire Department of Education Rules. In the event schools are closed for an excessive number of days for emergency reasons, the Superintendent may recommend to the School Board a revised schedule that satisfies all Department of Education requirements, but which may amend the number of days in the school year.

The school calendar will be developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

To the extent possible, the calendar will be coordinated with the school calendars of the area Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center and regional special education programs. In accordance with RSA 188-E:1-a, the District will work with the area CTE Centers to minimize schedule conflicts to better support CTE students with as many hours as possible to fulfill their program requirements. By July 1, 2026, there may not be more than 10 instructional days following Labor Day through the last student day of the school calendar year on which the District calendar does not align with the area CTE Center.

Pursuant to RSA 288:4, III, any holiday included in the school calendar that corresponds to a State "legal" holiday shall use the name for such holiday as designated in RSA 288:1. All schools receiving State funds are required to observe Veterans Day. Additionally, such names shall be used on any "official" communication, publication, document or calendar.

District Policy History:

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Legal References:

RSA 189:1, Days of School

RSA 189:24, Standard School

RSA 188-E:1-a Regional Career and Technical Education Agreements (RCTEA)

RSA 288:1 Holidays

RSA 288:4 School Holidays

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N.H. Dept. of Education Rules, Ed 306.18, School Year

N.H. Dept. of Education Rules, Ed 306.19, School Calendar

N.H. Dept. of Education Rules, Ed 306.22, Distance Education