

## **EL8-School Year Calendar**

### **Policy Type: Executive Limitations**

#### ***School Year Calendar***

The Superintendent shall not fail to prepare and adopt a district calendar for future school years that provides for the number of instruction and contact hours/days determined by the Colorado Department of Education and include the dates for all staff professional learning programs and planning days that best meet the instructional needs of students.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall not fail to:

1. Take reasonable steps to allow for public input from parents, families and teachers, students, and other staff;
2. Take reasonable steps to publish the calendar that takes into consideration holidays reflected in our diverse communities in a manner accessible to all parents/families/guardians of students enrolled in schools using the district-adopted calendar;
3. Give adequate and timely notice to students, parents/guardians, and staff of no less than 30 days of any change in the calendar, except for emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances;
4. Implement a school calendar that complies with the legal requirements for instructional hours and contact days and is consistent with the number of days set forth in the district's negotiated agreements with employee associations.
5. Implement a school calendar that observes Election Day as a district wide holiday to increase voter turnout and civic participation throughout the City and County of Denver.

**Adopted: [October 21, 2021]**

**LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-112 (school year and national holidays)**

**C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(n) (Board duty to determine number of instructional/contact hours/days)**

**C.R.S. 22-33-102 (1) (definition of academic year)**

**C.R.S. 22-33-104 (1) (compulsory attendance law)**

**C.R.S. 22-44-115.5 (fiscal emergency)**

**Monitoring Method:**

**Monitoring Data:**

**Monitoring Frequency: Annually**