

# FORSYTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AND DAY

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#### School Calendar

~~The Board annually shall establish the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher in-services, the length and dates of vacation, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of one hundred eight (180) days of pupil instruction.~~

***Subject to §§ 201-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement covering the employment of affected employees, the trustees of a school district shall set the number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in a school week. When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school week, or school day, the trustees shall: (a) negotiated the changes with the recognized collective bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; (c) and from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.***

#### Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person on occasion. The Board may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

#### Saturday School

***Pupil instruction may be held on a Saturday at the discretion of a school district for the purpose of providing additional pupil instruction, provided that: (a) Saturday school is not a pupil-instruction day and does not count toward the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction; and (b) student attendance is voluntary.***

#### School Day

~~The District shall provide the number of hours of pupil instruction required by Montana law. In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction related days may be scheduled for the purpose of:~~

- ~~1. Pre-school staff orientation (not to exceed two {2} days);~~
- ~~2. Staff in-service training programs; and~~
- ~~3. Parent/teacher conferences~~

#### School Fiscal Year

***At least the minimum number of aggregate hours must be conducted during each school fiscal year. The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:***

- (a) A minimum of 360 aggregate hours for a kindergarten program;***

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- (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3;
- (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12, and;
- (d) 1,050 hours may be sufficient for graduating seniors

*The minimum aggregate hours, described above, are no required for any pupil demonstrating proficiency pursuant to 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA.*

*In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled for the following purposes:*

1. *Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;*
2. *Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);*
3. *Parent/teacher conferences; and*
4. *Post-school record and report (not to exceed one (1) day, or one-half (1/2) day at the end of each semester or quarter).*

*The Board of Trustees has established an advisory committee to develop, recommend and evaluate the school district’s yearly professional development plan. Each year the Board of Trustees shall adopt a professional development plan for the subsequent school year based on the recommendation of the advisory committee.*

Legal References:	§ 20-1-301, MCA	School fiscal year
	§ 20-1-302, MCA	School <i>term</i> , day and week
	§ 20-1-303, MCA	<i>Conduct of School on Saturday or Sunday prohibited - exceptions</i>
	§ 20-1-304, MCA	Pupil-instruction-related day
	§ 20-1-306, MCA	Commemorative exercises on certain days
	§ 20-9-311, MCA	<i>Calculation of Annual Number Belonging (ANB)</i>
	<del>10.55.209, ARM</del>	<del>Standard school day</del>
	ARM 10.55.701	Board of trustees
	ARM 10.65.101-03,	Pupil-instruction-related days
	<del>ARM 10.65.201-02</del>	<del>Kindergarten schedule variances</del>
	<b>ARM 10.55.906</b>	<b>High School Credit</b>

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