

Term of Instruction: School Year

Length of school year—

The schools of the District shall be in operation for at least 180 instructional days. However, the Board may authorize individual schools to operate on a year-round, 45 day/15 day schedule of 172 instructional days as authorized by State Office of Education regulation. In either case, the school year shall consist of at least 990 instructional hours during each school year, except as follows:

- 1) Grade 1 must have a minimum of 810 hours and 180 days.
- 2) The Board may reallocate up to 32 instructional hours or 4 school days for teacher preparation time or professional development by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board in a properly noticed and held public meeting. If a reallocation is made, parents and guardians shall be notified of the school calendar at least 90 days before the beginning of the school year.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-1.M \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-4 \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-5.C\(3\) \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-8.D \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

[Utah Code § 53A-17a-103\(4\) \(2015\)](#)

Semester basis—

The District shall operate on a quarter or semester basis and shall adhere to the requirements of the appropriate curriculum prepared by the State Board of Education.

Beginning date—

Student attendance for the first semester of the regular school term shall be established by the Board pursuant to a calendar adopted annually.

Emergency/Activity days—

The annual school calendar adopted by the Board shall include exigency time for closures for emergencies, activities, or extreme weather conditions. If school is closed for these or any other reason, the instructional time missed shall be made up under the exigency time so that the minimum school program instructional requirements are met.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-8.B \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

Parent-teacher and SEOP conferences—

With Board approval, schools may conduct parent-teacher and SEOP conferences during the day and the time for those conferences may be counted as instructional time up to the equivalent of three full school days or 16.5 hours during a school year.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-8.C \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

Kindergarten assessment—

The Board may designate up to 12 instructional days at either or both the beginning or end of the school year for assessment of students entering or completing kindergarten. Assessments shall be conducted by qualified school employees. The assessment time per student must be adequate to justify the amount of instructional time used for assessment. Such action must be taken in a properly noticed public meeting and the parents or guardians of these students shall be given notice and an explanation of the assessment well in advance of the assessment period.

[Utah Admin. Rules R277-419-8.C\(4\) \(October 9, 2012\)](#)