

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent shall recommend school calendars, which meet all statutory requirements, to the Ledyard Board of Education for review and, after any modification the Board believes appropriate, for approval. The proposed school calendar shall be presented to the Board for review no later than the first regularly scheduled Board meeting in March prior to the school year for which the calendar is proposed. The Board shall approve the school calendar no earlier than the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the presentation by the Superintendent.

The school calendar shall include at least the following information:

- Beginning and ending dates for the school year
- Federal and Connecticut state holidays for which Ledyard Public Schools shall be closed (including any other closure dates as specified in Board employee contracts)
- Professional development days
- Early dismissal days (and the reason for early dismissal)
- Vacation periods and any other pertinent dates
- Number of teaching days for each month and total for the school year

Uniform Regional School Calendar

The Board may, but is not required to, adopt the uniform regional school calendar developed by LEARN. During presentation of the proposed school calendar, the Superintendent shall note where the proposed calendar differs from the regional calendar.

Length of School Year

The school calendar shall provide for a school year of no less than one hundred and eighty (180) days of actual school sessions for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, and nine hundred (900) hours of actual school work for full-day kindergarten through grade twelve, inclusive.

No more than seven hours of actual school work in any school day shall count towards the total number of instructional hours required for the school year. For accounting purposes, instructional hours shall not include lunch periods, time between class changes, and elementary recess.

Federal and State Holidays

In addition to the days already specified by federal and state law as legal holidays, any day appointed or recommended by the Governor or the President as a day of thanksgiving, fasting or religious observance, shall also be a legal holiday.

A school session may be scheduled to occur on any regular school day that is also a Connecticut state holiday provided (1) that the state holiday does not occur in January or December and (2) that the Superintendent shall require each school to hold a suitable nonsectarian educational program in observance of such holiday.

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High School Graduation Date

If the Board decides prior to April first to specify the graduation date for Ledyard High School, the date shall be no earlier than the one hundred eighty-fifth (185th) day of the school year.

If the Board decides on or after April first to set the graduation date for that school year, the graduation date shall, at the time of such establishment, provide for at least one hundred eighty (180) days of school.

School Session Cancellations

When any regularly scheduled session for any Ledyard Public School is cancelled for reasons of inclement weather or otherwise, the rescheduled sessions shall not be held on a Saturday or a Sunday. Rescheduled sessions shall be appended to the end of the currently scheduled school year.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

1-4. Days designated as legal holidays.

10-15. Towns to maintain schools.

10-16. Length of school year.

10-16l. Establishment of graduation date.

10-66q. Development and adoption of uniform regional school calendar
(as amended by Public Act 17-220).

5 USC 6103, Federal Holidays.

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