

**Policy Statement:**

The Board will approve a school year calendar that meets the needs of the Division in accordance with the *School Act*. School calendars will be designed to consider student learning opportunities as well as the needs of the educational community.

**Rationale:**

The Board believes that the amount of instruction time has a direct correlation to the educational achievement of students.

**Scope:**

The policy will apply to all schools within the Division. The proposal for a modified school year shall be reviewed annually by the Board. The Board reserves the right to approve or not approve any or all modified school year proposals.

Notwithstanding the instructional hour requirements of Alberta Education, the Board may waive the requirements of this policy.

In addition to the general holidays in Alberta, Easter Monday shall be defined as non-operational.

**Reference:**

[AP 60-05 School Year Calendar](#)