

**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. All calendars shall be authorized annually by the Board.

Notwithstanding the instructional hour requirements of Alberta Education, the Board may waive the requirements of Administrative Procedure 60-05 School Year Calendar.

**Reference:**

[School Act](#) – Section 56  
[AP 60-05 School Year Calendar](#)