

**FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL**

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Instruction

School Year Calendar and Day

The Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations and those days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance.

Commemorative Holidays

The teachers and students shall devote a portion of the school day on each commemorative holiday designated in The School Code to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The Board of Education may, from time to time, designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

School Day

The Board of Education establishes the length of the school day with the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to State law requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance is recited during each day of school attendance by students in accordance with State law:

- LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-19, 5/10-19.05, 5/10-20.56, 5/10-20.46, 5/10-30, 5/18-12, 5/18-12.5, 5/24-2, 5/27-3, 5/27-18, 5/27-19, 5/27-20, 5/27-20.1, and 5/27-20.2.10 ILCS 5/11-4.1, Election Code.5 ILCS 490/, State Commemorative Dates Act.23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420(f).Metzl v. Leininger, 850 F.Supp. 740 (N.D. Ill. 1994), *aff'd by* 57 F.3d 618 (7th Cir. 1995).
- CROSS REF.: 2.20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board), 5.200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5.330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves) 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:70 (Teaching About Religions), 7:90 (Release During School Hours)
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