

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. DESCRIPTION

- A. The Somerset County Public School System shall be open for student attendance for at least 180 actual school days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours for elementary and intermediate school students and 1,170 school hours for high school students.*
- B. The annual operational calendar for the ensuing school year will be adopted by the Board of Education.
- C. The calendar will:
 - (1) Reflect the instructional needs of the students, including compliance with the state requirement for 180 school days for students.
 - (2) Incorporate time to meet the staff development needs of the system and its employees.
 - (3) Accommodate the terms of the negotiated agreements.
 - (4) The school system will begin the school year **before** Labor Day when the Monday of Labor Day is on September 5th, September 6th, September 7th or September 8th. The school system will begin the school year **after** Labor Day when the Monday of Labor Day is on September 1st, September 2nd, September 3rd or September 4th.

- D. When necessary the Board of Education will make written application to the State Board of Education as provided for in the Annotated Code of Maryland, 7-103(b) to adjust the school year.

*Annotated Code of Maryland
7-103