

LCB File No. R043-04

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Calendar and School Days in Session

NAC 387.120 Submission of school calendar. ([NRS 385.080](#), [386.540](#), [387.123](#))

1. Before May 1 of each year, each school district shall submit a copy of its school calendar for the approaching school year to the Department. If one calendar does not apply to all its schools, the district shall submit as many calendars as are necessary for application to all its schools. If a charter school submits a school calendar pursuant to this subsection, the charter school shall, upon the request of the sponsor of the charter school or a school district in which a pupil enrolled in the charter school resides, provide a copy of the school calendar to the requester.

2. A school calendar must contain at least 180 school days in session. This period must be divided into 10 school months which contain not more than 20 potential school days per month.

3. In addition to the required number of school days in session, at least 3 days must be specifically designated by the school district as contingent days to be used as school days in session if:

(a) At least 75 percent of the schools in the district are rendered inaccessible or unusable by inclement weather, uncontrollable circumstances or an accident; or

(b) The Governor declares a legal holiday not anticipated in the original school calendar.

↪ If a substantial majority of the schools within a school district are closed because of any of these conditions, all of the contingent days must be used before the school district applies for an emergency closing.

4. Any day for an organized teachers' conference for professional development convened by the board of trustees of a school district may be included in the number of school days in session required in subsection 2 with the prior approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. A day for an organized teachers' conference may also be declared by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Not more than 5 days for teachers' conferences may be convened by a school district in any school year.

NAC 387.XXX Submission of Alternative Schedule Application

1. Before May 1 of each school year if the board of trustees of a rural or remote school district, whereby the population of the county is less than 100,000, desires to offer a program of instruction based on an alternative schedule then they shall submit the application for the approaching school year to the superintendent of public instruction for approval.

2. Before May 1 of each school year if the board of trustees of a school district, whereby the population of the county is 100,000 or more, desires to offer a program of instruction based on an alternative schedule, then they shall submit the application for the approaching school year to the superintendent of public instruction for approval. The schools eligible in a county of 100,000 or more are:

(a) A school located in a rural geographic area with its own identity, distinct and distant from the center of the major community; or

(b) A school located in a remote, isolated geographic area with its own identity, distinct and distant from the center of the major community.

3. A school district must not operate with an alternative schedule until they receive approval from the superintendent of public instruction.

4. School districts with approved plans to operate an alternative schedule must submit a written report, as prescribed by the department of education, evaluating the program to the superintendent of public instruction. The school district report is due on or before December 31st following the end of the school year in which the school district operated with an alternative schedule.

NAC 387.131 School day in session. ([NRS 385.080](#), [387.123](#))

1. A school day in session must consist of the following minimum daily periods for each grade, including recess and time between activities, but not including the time allowed for lunch:

Grade	Period
Kindergarten	120 minutes
1 and 2	240 minutes
3 through 6	300 minutes
7 through 12	330 minutes

2. The minimum daily period for a program of special education is identical to the period for a regular grade unless an exception is permitted by a pupil's individualized education program.

3. The minimum daily period for an adult high school diploma program, an alternative program or a program of instruction in a detention home is identical to the period for a regular grade unless the school district:

(a) Exercises its option pursuant to subsection 4 of [NAC 387.140](#); or

(b) Obtains the written approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a program that demonstrates progress or completion by pupils in a curriculum that is equivalent to the regular school curriculum. Demonstrated competency in curriculum that meets the state standards may be considered equivalent for purposes of this paragraph.

4. A day on which school is dismissed for pupils to attend, or to be transported to, extracurricular activities may not be counted as a school day in session unless every pupil for whom school is dismissed is directly participating in the activity in a manner other than as a spectator.

5. Upon approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, any day on which pupils in kindergarten are assessed for instructional purposes may be counted as a school day in session.