

RECOVERY OF LOST INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND CREATION OF THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

West Virginia Code §18-5-45 specifies that county boards must provide an employment term for employees of at least 200 days. The beginning and closing dates of the employment term may not exceed 48 weeks. Within the employment term, an instructional term of no less than 180 days is required.

West Virginia Code §18A-5-2 specifies that time due to school closures is not to be counted as meeting part of the requirements of the minimum 180 days of instruction. Therefore, McDowell County Schools will utilize equivalent time, outside-school-environment days, non-instructional days and out-of-calendar days as needed to ensure all students have an opportunity for 180 days of instruction.

McDowell County Schools will ensure recovery of lost time due to late arrivals and/or early dismissals caused by inclement weather, the closing of school as a result of the prevalence of contagious disease, conditions of weather or any other calamitous cause over which the board has no control through the use of accrued instructional time.

McDowell County Schools will include additional time in all school schedules so that each school accumulates sufficient accrued instructional time to make up lost time, as described above. McDowell County Schools will electronically track accrued instructional time to ensure that all time lost due to school delays and early release is made up as required.

Additionally, accrued instructional time may be used for faculty senate meetings and professional development.

Each county board of education must develop a school calendar each year and submit the proposed calendar to the State Superintendent, or designee, by the established deadline. McDowell County Schools will adhere to all provisions identified in West Virginia State Board Policy 3234, as amended, when creating the school calendar.

References:

West Virginia Code §18-5-45
West Virginia Code §18A-5-2
West Virginia State Board Policy 3234
West Virginia State Board Policy 2510
West Virginia State Board Policy 2525

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