

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

INSTRUCTION

2200

School Year, Calendar, and Instructional Hours

School Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the school is from July 1 to June 30.

School Calendar

The Board annually shall establish the dates for opening and closing classes, beginning and ending dates for each academic quarter, teacher inservices, parent-teacher conferences, the length and dates of vacation, the number of student contact days, the number of work days for faculty, the days designated as legal school holidays, and early release days. In order to permit staff, students, and parents to make plans for their own work and vacation schedules, the Board shall adopt a school calendar for the forthcoming year by May 1st of each year.

A calendar committee of staff members may be used to make recommendations to the Board concerning the calendar. Community desires may be considered.

Holidays/Commemorative Days

School holidays shall include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

For those commemorative days designated in I.C. § 73-108 that fall on a school day, the teachers and students shall devote a portion of the day to the observance of that holiday.

Instructional Hours

The District shall provide the minimum number of instructional hours for students at each grade level as follows:

1. Kindergarten: 450 hours;
2. Grades 1-3: 810 hours;
3. Grades 4-8: 900 hours; and
4. Grades 9-12: 990 hours.

Teacher Inservice Days

Not more than 22 hours may be utilized for inservice teacher activities.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools
I.C. § 33-701 Fiscal Year – Payment and Accounting of Funds
IDAPA 08.02.01.250.01 Required Instructional Time
IDAPA 08.02.01.250.03 Day in Session When Counting Pupils in
Attendance

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