

**SCHOOL YEAR
(And Length of School Day)**

It is required by the State Board of Education that each School Committee establish a school calendar consistent with school regulations. In so doing, the local Committee will determine the earliest possible closing date for that school year.

To accomplish the minimum educational requirements set by the state, schools must be in operation as follows:

--elementary schools (grades 1 through 5), 180 days averaging five hours each, or 900 hours, exclusive of lunch;

--secondary schools, (grades 6 through 12), 180 days averaging five and one-half hours each, or 990 hours, exclusive of lunch and other recess periods.

Instructional hours are defined by the State Board of Education as those during which both students and teachers are present and engaged in regular teaching-learning activities.

Established through State Board regulation

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 15:1G and 30A:2

CROSS REF.: ID, School Day

Revised: November 22, 2005