

Descriptor Term:

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SCHOOL YEAR

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All public schools in the Jackson County School District shall be kept in session for at least one hundred eighty (180) days in each scholastic year. 37-13-63 (1992)

The academic year provides a minimum of 180 teaching days which meet the following criteria: (MS Code 37-13-63 and state Board Policy)

1. The teaching day must provide at least 330 minutes of instruction per day.
2. Two of the 180 days may be 60% days provided that there are 198 minutes of actual instruction or testing and the remainder of each day is used for professional development or other activities related to instruction.
3. In the event that an emergency situation results in the school district not meeting the minimum instructional time specified, the State Superintendent may declare a state of emergency and allow the school district to make up actual time lost in increments of no less than 150 minutes, it will be made up during one teaching day.
4. The opening date of the school year for students is scheduled no earlier than August 1 and the closing date no later than June 15. (MS Code 37-13-61)

"Minimum school term" shall mean a term of at least one hundred eighty (180) days of school in which both teacher and pupils are in regular attendance for scheduled classroom instruction for not less than sixty percent (60%) of the normal school day. It is the intent of the Legislature that any tax levies generated to produce additional local funds required by any school district to operate school terms in excess one hundred seventy-five (175) days shall not be constructed to constitute a new program for the purposes of exemption from the limitation on tax revenues as allowed under Sections 27-39-321 and 37-57-107 for new programs mandated by the Legislature. 37-19-1 (h) (1991)

LEGAL REF: MS Code (as cited above) Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards

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