

TITLE 160: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 160-5-1 REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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160-5-1-.01 School Year.

(1) Definitions.

(a) School fiscal year - the period from July 1 through the following June 30.

(b) School year for certified staff - a minimum of 190 days.

(c) School year for students - a minimum of 180 school days as defined in [Rule 160-5-1-.02](#) School Day for Students.

(2) Requirements.

(a) The local board of education shall adhere to the definitions of school fiscal year, school year for certified staff, and school year for students except under emergency conditions as defined in state law.

(b) Each school system shall submit an annual school calendar to the department. The calendar shall specify:

1. Beginning and ending dates of the school year.
2. 180 full-length days for students.
3. 190 full-length days for certified staff, including 10 for planning.
4. Holidays as determined by the school system.

(i) Local boards of education may provide for the closure of schools on November 11 for each year to enable students, teachers, and administrators to participate in Veterans Day programs to honor veterans of the armed forces.

(c) If changes are made in the school system calendar, an amended calendar shall be submitted to the department.

(d) High school graduation exercises shall be held after the completion of the 180-day school year unless the school year has been shortened because of emergency conditions as defined in state law. Any exceptions shall require advance approval by the state school superintendent.

(e) School systems not operating the approved number of student days shall receive a prorated reduction of state funds.

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