

School Calendar

NPUC Calendar Policy

The NPUC policy regarding calendar year and hours/day/week have been extracted here for your convenience. Note that Alaska also requires a 180-day school year but allows more in-service days in place of *classroom instruction*. We will stick to the NPUC policy thereby meeting the requirements of both entities. You are advised to plan for at least 178 in-classroom instruction days allowing for school closure due to weather.

What are *classroom instruction* days? Classroom instruction days include those days which contain meaningful learning experiences guided by specific instructional objectives. They are not merely recreational entertainment or social gatherings. {i.e. ski days should be *with* skiing lessons}.

2034:88 **Length of School Year**

The school calendar shall contain a minimum of 180 days and comply with state law. Flexibility in using the 180 days may be allowed for professional growth. No school, however, will have fewer than 175 days of classroom instruction. See Code 2158, 2350, and 2454 for length of school day. **2350 – junior academy/ 2454 - senior academy

2158:00 **Length of School Day – Elementary**

The elementary school schedule shall meet or exceed the following time requirements unless state regulations exceed these requirements.

Grades 1-2	20 hours per five-day week or 4 hours per day exclusive of a 30-minutes lunch period.
Grades 3-4	25 hours per five-day week or 5 hours per day exclusive of a 30-minutes lunch period.
Grades 5-8 (9)	30 hours per five-day week or 6 hours per day exclusive of a 30-minutes lunch period.

The Friday schedule may be adjusted providing the weekly time requirements are met.

It is the responsibility of the conference office of education to keep informed of current legislation pertaining to the length of the school day and to inform the schools of these regulations.

See *NPUC Handbook for Teachers* for details on scheduling.

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The Friday schedule may be shortened provided the weekly/yearly time requirements are met.

2166:98 **Minimum School Day – Elementary**

A minimum school day must include three and a half hours of instruction, exclusive of the lunch period, or as required by state law.

Minimum school days shall be limited to twelve per year or the number permitted by state law, whichever is less. Any days above eight must be used for professional growth activities.