



Responsible Office: Office of School Performance

BOARD POLICY 6111

SCHOOL CALENDARS and SCHEDULE TYPES TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees believes that there is a benefit for all members of the community when the schools in the Washoe County School District (WCSD) are on the same calendar. When overcrowding exists to the point that the benefit of one calendar is diminished, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need for school calendars and schedule types to change so that those benefits may again be realized. This policy and any associated documents shall establish the protocols related to the establishment of school calendars and schedules to relieve overcrowding.

POLICY

1. The Board of Trustees shall establish school calendars and schedule types to provide a program of instruction for its students. School calendars shall indicate beginning and ending dates, legal and local holidays, vacation periods, and other pertinent dates.
 - a. As needed, the Superintendent shall establish an advisory committee for the purpose of making school calendar recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
2. The annual school calendar and schedule types shall be adopted with the intention of meeting the requirements of law as well as the needs of students, parents/guardians, the community, and the work year as negotiated for all employees.
3. The Board recognizes that frequent changes in calendars are not in the best interest of students or the community and, therefore, future enrollment growth and/or loss will be considered when calendar changes are made.
4. Initial changes to school calendars and schedule types for the purpose of alleviating overcrowding require the approval of the Board of Trustees.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Schedule types" include flex scheduling and double sessions.

2. "Calendars" include the balanced calendar and multi-track year-round (MTYR) calendars.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Through this policy, the development of school calendars and schedules support the following objectives:
 - a. Provide significant blocks of instructional time for students;
 - b. Maximize the use of faculty workdays for professional learning opportunities by reducing District-imposed conflicts on those workdays;
 - c. Enhance the ability of administrators, faculty/staff, and parents/guardians to plan ahead; and
 - d. Enhance communication between the District, parents/guardians and community members.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.
2. This policy aligns with Administrative Regulation 6111, School Calendars.
3. This policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to include:
 - a. Chapter 387, Financial Support of School System, and specifically:
 - i. NAC 387.120 – 387.153, School Schedules and School Days in Session
 - b. Chapter 388, System of Public Instruction, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 388.080 – 388.110, School Year; Minimum Number of Days; Holidays

REVIEW AND REPORTING

1. This document shall be reviewed as part of the bi-annual review and reporting process, following each regular session of the Nevada Legislature. The Board of Trustees shall receive notification of any required changes to the policy as well as an audit of the accompanying governing documents.
2. Administrative regulations, and/or other associated documents, will be developed as necessary to implement this policy.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
8/26/1997	1.0	Adopted
4/14/2015	2.0	Revised to include schedule types