

PARAMETERS TO CONSIDER FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR DECISIONS

- To support improving student achievement
- Always ask: “How does this change to the calendar support improving student achievement?”
- A minimum of 63,720 minutes of instructional time must be met – Bulletin 741.
- 385 minutes of instructional time per day (64,680 instructional minutes per year).
- 168 instructional days (students).
- Instructional days + professional development days + parent-teacher conference days = 176 days for teachers.
- Semesters must stay balanced for credit earnings for students and teacher retirement/leaves. 84 days per semester for students and 88 days per semester for teachers. 2.5 days for emergencies/weather.
- Work to maintain strong weeks of instructional time rather than “chopped” up weeks.
- Work to maintain ending the Fall Semester for High Schools prior to Christmas Break.
- School systems shall now declare a public holiday for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years where the parish governing body has established a polling place at a public school.