

1 **R277-419-4. Minimum School Days.**

2 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1) and Subsection [53F-2-102\(4\)](#), an  
3 LEA shall provide educational services over a minimum of 180 school days each school  
4 year.

5 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), an LEA that participates in the  
6 National School Lunch Program shall provide school meals on each day that the LEA  
7 schedules toward the LEA's 180 educational service days described in Subsection  
8 (1)(a).

9 (ii) The requirement to provide school meals described in Subsection (1)(b)(i)  
10 does not apply to:

11 (A) an unplanned school closure or unplanned learn from home day due to  
12 snow, inclement weather, or other emergency;

13 (B) a day that an LEA governing board reallocates as a teacher preparation or  
14 teacher professional development day as described in Subsection [53F-2-102\(4\)\(d\)](#);

15 (C) a day that an LEA counts in student membership for professional  
16 development or parent-teacher conference days as described in Subsection (6); or

17 (D) a day where the LEA provides educational services while all the LEA's  
18 students engage in distance learning.

19 (c) An LEA may seek an exception to the number of school days described in  
20 Subsection (1)(a):

21 (i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), for a whole school or LEA as  
22 described in Rule [R277-121](#);

23 (ii) for a school closure due to snow, inclement weather, or other emergency as  
24 described in Section [R277-121-5](#); or

25 (iii) for an individual student as described in Section R277-419-11.

26 (2) An LEA may offer the required school days described in Subsection (1)(a) at  
27 any time during the school year, consistent with the law.

28 (3) An LEA shall plan for emergency, activity, and weather-related exigency time  
29 in its annual calendaring.

30 (4) Minimum standards apply to a public school in all settings unless Utah law or  
31 this rule provides for a specific exception.

32 (5) An LEA's governing board shall provide adequate contingency school days in  
33 the LEA's yearly calendar to avoid the necessity of requesting a waiver except in the  
34 most extreme circumstances.

35 (6)(a) A school may conduct parent-teacher and student Plan for College and  
36 Career Readiness conferences during the school day.

37 (b) Parent-teacher and college and career readiness conferences may only be  
38 held for a total of the equivalent of three full school days for the school year.

39 (c) Student membership for professional development or parent-teacher  
40 conference days shall be counted as that of the previous school day.

41 ~~[(d) An LEA may designate no more than a total of 12 educational service days~~  
42 ~~at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the school year, or both for the~~  
43 ~~assessment of students entering or completing kindergarten.~~

44 ~~—— (e) If educational service days are designated for kindergarten assessment:~~

45 ~~—— (i) an LEA shall designate the days in an open meeting;~~

46 ~~—— (ii) an LEA shall provide adequate notice and explanation to kindergarten~~  
47 ~~parents well in advance of the assessment period;~~

48 ~~—— (iii) qualified school employees shall conduct the assessment consistent with~~  
49 ~~Section 53G-7-205; and~~

50 ~~—— (iv) assessment time per student shall be adequate to justify the forfeited~~  
51 ~~instruction time.]~~

52 [(f)](d) The final decision and approval regarding planning time, parent-teacher  
53 and Student Plan for College and Career Readiness conferences rests with an LEA,  
54 consistent with Utah Code and Board administrative rules.

55 [(g)](e) Total instructional time and school calendars shall be approved by an  
56 LEA in an open meeting.

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62 [2-102\(7\)](#); [53E-3-501\(1\)\(e\)](#); [53E-3-602\(2\)](#); [53E-3-301\(3\)\(d\)](#); [53G-4-404](#)**