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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 School Year Calendar and Day

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7 School Calendar

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9 Subject to §§ 20-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement
10 covering the employment of affected employees, the trustees of a school district shall set the
11 number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in
12 a school week. When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school
13 week, or school day, the trustees shall: (a) negotiate the changes with the recognized collective
14 bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the
15 employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; (c)
16 and from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.

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18 Commemorative Holidays

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20 Teachers and students will devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday
21 designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The
22 Board may from time to time designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

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24 School Fiscal Year

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26 At least the minimum number of aggregate hours must be conducted during each school fiscal
27 year. The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:

- 28 (a) A minimum of 360 aggregate hours for a kindergarten program;
- 29 (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3;
- 30 (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12; and
- 31 (d) 1,050 hours may be sufficient for graduating seniors.

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33 In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled for the following
34 purposes:

- 35 1. Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;
- 36 2. Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);
- 37 3. Parent/teacher conferences, and;
- 38 4. Post-school record and report (not to exceed one (1) day, or one-half (½) day at the end
39 of each semester or quarter).

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43 Legal References:	§ 20-1-301, MCA	School fiscal year
	§ 20-1-302, MCA	School day and week
	§ 20-1-304, MCA	Pupil-instruction-related day
46	§ 20-1-306, MCA	Commemorative exercises on certain days

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