

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. **PURPOSE**

To establish mandated hours of student attendance. To describe the purpose of a school calendar.

2. **DESCRIPTION**

- A. The Somerset County Public School System shall be open for student attendance for at least 180 actual school days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours.
- B. The annual operational calendar for the ensuing school year will be adopted by the Board of Education.
- C. The calendar will:
 - (1) Reflect the instructional needs of the students, including compliance with the state requirement for 180 school days for students.
 - (2) Incorporate time to meet the staff development needs of the system and its employees.
 - (3) Accommodate the terms of the negotiated agreements.
- D. When necessary the Board of Education will make written application to the State Board of Education as provided for in the Annotated Code of Maryland, 7-103(b) to adjust the school year.