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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 School Year Calendar and Day

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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 Saturday School

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26 Pupil instruction may be held on a Saturday at the discretion of a school district for the purpose
27 of providing additional pupil instruction, provided that: (a) Saturday school is not a pupil-
28 instruction day and does not count toward the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction; and
29 (b) student attendance is voluntary.

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31 School Fiscal Year

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

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

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40 The Minimum aggregate hours, described above, are not required for any pupil demonstrating
41 proficiency pursuant to 20-9-311(4)(d), MCA.

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

- 45 1. Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;
- 46 2. Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);

- 1 3. Parent/teacher conferences; and
2 4. Post-school record and report (not to exceed one (1) day, or one-half (½) day at the end
3 of each semester or quarter).

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| 7 | Legal References: | § 20-1-301, MCA | School fiscal year |
| 8 | | § 20-1-302, MCA | School day and week |
| 9 | | § 20-1-303, MCA | Conduct of School on Saturday or Sunday 10 prohibited - exceptions |
| 11 | | § 20-1-304, MCA | Pupil-instruction-related day |
| 12 | | § 20-1-306, MCA | Commemorative exercises on certain days |
| 13 | | § 20-9-311, MCA | Calculation of Annual Number Belonging (ANB) |
| 14 | | ARM 10.55.701 | Board of Trustees |
| 15 | | ARM 10.65.101-103 | Pupil-Instruction-Related Days |
| 16 | | ARM 10.55.906 | Professional Development |
| 17 | | ARM 10.55.906 | High School Credit |

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