

## **Policy Code: 3100 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The Board annually will establish a school calendar in accordance with law. The Board shall consult with parents and school personnel in the development of the school calendar.

The school calendar in all schools will be for 215 days and will provide for a minimum of 185 days or 1025 hours of instruction covering at least nine months. A school “month” is defined as 20 days of instruction. If school is closed early due to inclement weather, the day and the number of instructional hours originally scheduled may count towards the required minimum number of instructional days or hours. **Remote learning may be used as an alternative means of instruction when the traditional school day is compromised due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, including emergency closings (Policy 2140), and may count towards the required minimum number of instructional hours.**

The number of hours in an instructional day does not have to be uniform among the schools in the district. The Board may approve school improvement plans that include days with varying amounts of instructional time.

Interruptions of instructional time and time off task must be kept to a minimum. The principal is responsible for ensuring that instructional time is maintained and protected in the school schedule. Each teacher is responsible for ensuring optimal use of instructional time in his or her classes. School personnel are encouraged to seek creative means of reducing transitional time and scheduling non-instructional activities. Instructional time is defined as that time during which students are assigned to a teacher for the primary purpose of instruction. Instruction is any activity that leads toward the mastery of specific educational goals and objectives of the Edenton-Chowan Schools curriculum. Breaks in the instructional day for changing classes, homeroom, lunch, pep rallies and similar non-instructional activities are not part of the instructional day and may not be counted towards the minimum instructional hours requirement. If the school calendar requires students to attend on Memorial Day, each principal shall ensure that students are instructed on the significance of Memorial Day on that day. If students are not scheduled to attend school on Memorial Day, instruction on the significance of Memorial Day will be provided at another time.

If the school calendar requires students to attend school on September 17, which is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, each principal shall ensure that instruction about the United States Constitution is given on that day. If students are not required to attend school on September 17, the principal shall ensure that such instruction is given during the week preceding or following Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.

The month of November shall be designated “Veterans’ History Awareness Month.”  
LEGAL REF: [P.L. 108-447](#), div. J, title I, sec. 111 (codified as a statutory note to [36 U.S.C. 106\(d\)](#)); [G.S. 115C-12\(33\)](#), [-36](#), [-47](#), [-84.2](#), [-105.21\(b\)\(2\)](#), [-238.31](#), [-288](#); State Board of Education Policy [BEPL-001](#)

**CROSS REFERENCES: School Closings (Policy 2140)**

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