



# HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

District School Board

## School Year / School Day

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### **BELIEF STATEMENT:**

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes that setting the school year calendar and school day for each year ought to be consistent with Catholic Social Teaching and in particular be considerate of a preferential option for the poor and most vulnerable in our community.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board to establish the school year and school day for all of its Catholic schools in accordance with The Education Act and its Regulations. The Board shall establish a School Year Calendar Committee to make recommendations regarding the following year's School Year Calendar(s) for consideration and approval in advance of the April Regular Meeting of the Board.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **a) SCHOOL YEAR**

1. The school year shall commence on or after the 1st day of September and end on or before the 30th day of June. The school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days of which up to 3 days may be designated as Professional Activity days that must be devoted to specific provincial education priorities; up to 4 additional school days may be designated by the Board as Professional Activity days.
2. The Board may establish an alternate school year calendar. An alternate school year calendar must be approved by the Board and submitted to the Minister of Education and Training by the 1st of March for the next calendar year.

#### **b) SCHOOL DAY**

1. The length of the instructional program of each school day for pupils of compulsory school age shall be not less than five hours a day excluding recesses or scheduled intervals between classes. However, the Board may reduce the length of the instructional program to less than five hours a day for an exceptional pupil in a special education program (Policy 3E:34 - Modified School Day).
2. The school day shall begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m.
3. The instructional day and hours of instruction for pupils in each school shall be set by the Director of Education or designate. In setting the parameters of the

instructional day, the Board shall consider the impact of bell times on transportation routes/costs.

4. The Board shall consult with the school principal and the local Catholic School Advisory Council before changing bell times.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- N/A

**REFERENCES:**

- Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2; O. Reg. 304 (School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days)
- Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2; O. Reg. 298 (Operation of Schools - General) s.3 (Daily Sessions)

**RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:**

- N/A