Under this policy, a School District should choose Option A, Option B, OR Option C

LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Option A (1080 hours, 165 days)

Minimum Length of School Year: School shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered for not less than 1080 hours with a minimum of 165 days of instruction each school year. Only where conditions beyond the control of school authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible, and the State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed concurrence in writing, may school be maintained for less than a full year.

Notification of School-Hours Policy: Prior to October 15th of the applicable school year, the superintendent or their designee, shall notify the State Board of Education, in writing, that the district has adopted a school-hours policy and provide the State Board of Education with a copy of the school calendar as approved by the district’s board of education.

Professional Development: No more than five days or 30 hours of classroom instruction time per school year may be used for professional development meetings.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: If parent-teacher conferences are held during a regular school day, as authorized by the district, parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom instruction time for no more than 6 hours per semester, for a total of 12 hours per school year.

Option B (1080 hours with option to request waiver for alternate length school year)

Minimum Length of School Year: School shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered for not less than 1080 hours with a minimum of 165 days of instruction each school year, unless the district applies for a waiver from the State Board of Education authorizing the district to implement a school year calendar for one or more site(s) that includes fewer than 165 days of classroom instruction. Only where conditions beyond the control of school authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible, and the State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed concurrence in writing, may school be maintained for less than a full year.

Notification of School-Hours Policy: Prior to October 15th of the applicable school year, the superintendent or their designee, shall notify the State Board of Education, in writing, that the district has adopted a school-hours policy and provide the State Board of Education with a copy of the school calendar as approved by the district’s board of education.
**Rationale for Alternate Length School Year and Application for Waiver:** In certain school years, the district may determine an alternate length school year (less than 165 days of instruction) would benefit students at one or more school sites and apply for a waiver from the State Department of Education authorizing an alternate length school year. In such case, no earlier than the district’s receipt of student performance data and federal Every Student Succeeds Act status designations and no later than June 30 prior to the school year for which the waiver is requested, the superintendent or their designee shall submit an application for waiver authorizing an alternate length school year, including the most recent Estimate of Needs, a narrative detailing how the proposed calendar is intended to benefit students and evidence that the district meets the student performance and financial criteria requirements for an alternate length school year. In any year in which the district applies for a waiver, the district must meet or exceed the minimum guidelines for student performance and school district cost savings established by the State Board of Education.

**Professional Development:** No more than five days or 30 hours of classroom instruction time per school year may be used for professional development meetings.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** If parent-teacher conferences are held during a regular school day, as authorized by the district, the parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom instruction time for no more than 6 hours per semester, for a total of 12 hours per school year.

**Option C (180 days)**

**Minimum Length of School Year:** School shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered for not less than 180 days. Only where conditions beyond the control of school authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed concurrence in writing may school be maintained for less than a full year.

**Professional Development:** No more than five days or 30 hours of classroom instruction time per school year may be used for professional development meetings.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** If parent-teacher conferences are held during a regular school day, as authorized by the district, the parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom instruction time for no more than 6 hours per semester, for a total of 12 hours per school year.

Reference: OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1-109
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**LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

This policy establishes the length of the district’s school year. For each school year classes must be in session for classroom instruction a minimum of 1050 hours and the district must offer a minimum of 30 hours of professional development to all classroom teachers for a total academic year of a minimum of 1080 hours.

Because the district has elected to adopt a school hours policy in determining the length of its school year, the superintendent of schools must, prior to October 15 of each year, notify
the State Department of Education, in writing, that the district will utilize a school year based on school hours.

In the implementation of this policy, parent-teacher conferences will be counted as classroom instruction time for no more than 6 hours per semester.

If the district temporarily closes school at any time during the school year due to inclement weather, the number of hours of instruction which occurred on the day of the inclement weather and prior to the school closing shall be counted toward the 1080 hours requirement. In addition, if directed by the board of education by proper board action, the superintendent will extend the length of the relevant number of school days following the inclement weather in order to achieve the necessary 1080 hours requirement.

Reference: 70 OKLA. STAT. §1–109