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## CHAPTER S-2.1

### SCHOOL ACT

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 147 of the *School Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. S-2.1, Council made the following regulations:

- 1. In these regulations** Definitions
- (a) “instructional day” means a day when students are in attendance at school; instructional day
  - (b) “school day” means a day when teachers are required to be on duty, in the classroom, at workshops, conventions or any other authorized activities; school day
  - (c) “school year” means the school days between September 1 and June 30; school year
  - (d) “semester” means one half of a school year. (EC539/95) semester
- 2. A total of 195 to 197 days shall be school days in each school year, as calculated within the rules set out in these regulations. (EC539/95)** Total school days
- 3. A maximum of 10 days per school year shall be used for professional development or administrative purposes as follows:** Professional development and administration
- (a) an orientation day for teachers held before the first instructional day of the school year;
  - (b) one day, following the end of the first semester, to be used for administrative or professional development purposes;
  - (c) a maximum of 3 days to be used for activities related to the end of the school year;
  - (d) a maximum of 5 days to be used in accordance with the collective agreement. (EC539/95)
- 4. (1) A school board may give approval to a school to cancel classes for one day in each semester for parent-teacher interviews.** Interviews
- (2) Notwithstanding section 3, a school board may give approval to a school to carry out professional development programs for one-half of any day designated for parent-teacher interviews. (EC539/95) *Idem*
- 5. A school board may cancel classes at any school** Cancellation of classes
- (a) on a day to day basis by reason of weather conditions or mechanical breakdown;

- (b) if the operation of a school would create a significant risk to the health of the occupants of the school;
- (c) if the operation of a school would create a significant risk to the safety of the occupants of the school;
- (d) for up to one day for Grade 1 classes to accommodate orientation or screening programs for children who will be entering Grade 1 in the following September;
- (e) for up to one day at a grade level in the receiving school for registration or orientation programs for students who will be accommodated in another school building in the following September;
- (f) on the day of a funeral for a staff member or a student. (EC539/95)

Instructional day	<p><b>6.</b> (1) An instructional day for students shall consist of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a minimum of four hours and forty-five minutes of instructional time for Grades 1 to 6; and</li> <li>(b) a minimum of five hours of instructional time for Grades 7 to 12.</li> </ul>
Instructional time	<p>(2) In calculating instructional time, the time required for lunch, recess, and to change classes shall not be counted as instructional time.</p>
<i>Idem</i>	<p>(3) For the purposes of this section, instructional time shall be time scheduled by a school for purposes of instruction, testing and other planned student activities related to the provincial goals of education, that take place during an instructional day. (EC539/95)</p>
First school day	<p><b>7.</b> (1) Subject to subsection (2), the first school day in a school year shall be September 1.</p>
<i>Idem</i>	<p>(2) Where September 1 falls on Labour Day or on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the first school day shall be the Tuesday following Labour Day.</p>
First instructional day	<p>(3) The first instructional day in a school year shall be on a day following the first school day in a school year, as determined by the Minister. (EC539/95; 112/04)</p>
Last school day	<p><b>8.</b> The last full school day in a calendar year shall be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Friday before Christmas when Christmas Day falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; or</li> <li>(b) the second Friday before Christmas when Christmas Day falls on a Saturday. (EC539/95)</li> </ul>
First full school day	<p><b>9.</b> The first full school day in a calendar year shall be the first Monday after New Year's Day when New Year's Day falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. (EC539/95)</p>

**10.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), a mid-term break of five instructional days shall be held during the third full week of March in a school year. March break

(2) In years when Good Friday occurs during the third full week of March, the mid-term break shall be extended to include the preceding Friday. (EC539/95) *Idem*

**11.** (1) The last instructional day for senior high school graduating students shall be the ninth school day prior to and including the last school day. Last instructional day

(2) The last instructional day for all other students shall be the third school day prior to and including the last school day. *Idem*

(3) End of year examinations for Grade 12 courses shall not begin earlier than the fifteenth school day prior to and including the last school day. (EC539/95) Examinations

**12.** The first date on which Grade 12 graduation exercises may be held shall be the eighth school day prior to and including the last school day. (EC539/95) Graduation

**13.** The last school day of a school year shall be the last working day of the month of June. (EC539/95) Last school day

**14.** The following days shall not be instructional or school days: Holidays

- (a) Labour Day;
- (b) Thanksgiving Day;
- (c) Remembrance Day;
- (d) Good Friday;
- (e) Easter Monday;
- (f) Victoria Day. (EC539/95)

**15.** (1) Schools shall provide their school board with a monthly accounting of the number of school days used for teachers and instructional days used for students. Accounting

(2) By July 30 of each year school boards shall forward to the Minister an annual summary of the number of school days and instructional days used by each school during the preceding school year. (EC539/95) Summary

**16.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Minister may vary any calendar provision upon notice to the school boards or at the written request of a school board. (EC539/95) Variation