

## **180-Day Attendance Requirement**

As needed, district submits revised, board-approved calendar to the Executive County Superintendent.

District must use all available days not designated for instruction in order to ensure that the 180-day requirement is met. The 180-day requirement means 180 calendar days.

### Options:

- Extension of school year – add additional days at the end of the current school year; the last possible day of attendance is June 30
- Open school on days currently designated as holidays, staff development days, or days identified as school vacations.
- Use of Saturday – there is no legal restriction to use Saturday as a day of instruction. A regular instructional program must be provided to students in attendance.
- Use of Sunday – Districts cannot compel teachers or students to attend school on Sunday.

Seniors – it may be necessary to consider a separate make-up schedule for seniors that is different from the remaining K-11 population, due to graduation requirements.

Kindergarten sessions – Districts may schedule two 2 ½ hour kindergarten sessions during the same day for the same class of children and be credited with two days of school. Instructional activities provided must be consistent with those that the students would receive during the regular school year.

### Non-approvable Options:

- Extending the school day by one class period or one hour each day for a period of four or five days to count the time accrued as an additional school day
- Two four-hour sessions in the same day

## **Graduation Ceremonies**

High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held before the completion of 180 school days. Promotional exercises for other grade levels may be held prior to the minimum instruction day requirements, so long as those students meet the 180 day requirement. The preference is that such promotion ceremonies occur after completion of 180 days.