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EDUCATION ACT SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATIONS

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EDUCATION ACT
Chapter E-.02

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Pursuant to section 107 of the *Education Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-.02, Council made the following regulations:

1. Definitions

- (1) In these regulations,
- (a) “**Act**” means the *Education Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-.02;
 - (b) “**school calendar**” means the school calendar established by the Minister pursuant to clause 3(1)(h) of the Act;
 - (c) “**school day**” means a day when teachers are required to be on duty, in the classroom or at workshops, conventions or any other activities authorized by the education authority;
 - (d) “**semester**” means one half of a school year.

“school year”, defined

- (2) For the purposes of the Act and these regulations, “**school year**” means the period of school days commencing September 1 in any year and ending June 30 in the following year.
(EC530/16)

2. Total school days

- (1) The Minister shall ensure that there are at least 195, but not more than 197, school days in each school year.

Exception, 2021-2022

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Minister shall ensure that there are at least 194, but not more than 197, school days in the school year commencing in 2021 and ending in 2022, to provide for the first observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021.

Exception, 2022-2023

- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Minister shall ensure that there are at least 194, but not more than 197, school days in the school year commencing in 2022 and ending in 2023, to provide for a day of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on September 19, 2022.
(EC530/16; 764/21; 711/22)

3. Professional development and administration

The Minister may allocate professional development days or administrative days in a school year for any of the following purposes:

- (a) orientation for new teachers, which may be scheduled before the first instructional day of a school year;
- (b) professional development or administrative purposes, which may be scheduled at the end of the first semester of a school year;
- (c) activities related to the end of a school year;
- (d) activities or purposes set out in the collective agreement;
- (e) activities or purposes authorized by the Minister. (EC530/16)

4. Interviews

- (1) An education authority may give approval to a principal of a school to cancel classes for one day in each semester for parent-teacher interviews.

Idem

- (2) Despite subsection (1), an education authority may give approval to the principal of a school to carry out professional development programs for one-half of any day designated for parent-teacher interviews. (EC530/16)

5. Cancellation of classes

An education authority may cancel classes at any school it operates

- (a) on a day-to-day basis, by reason of weather conditions or mechanical breakdown of equipment on school premises;
- (b) if the operation of the school would create a significant risk to the health, safety or well-being of students or other persons on school premises;
- (c) for up to one day for kindergarten classes to accommodate orientation or screening programs for children who will be entering kindergarten in the following school year;
- (d) 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 school year; and
- (e) on the day of a funeral for a staff member or a student. (EC530/16)

6. Instructional day

- (1) An instructional day for students shall consist of
 - (a) a minimum of four hours and forty-five minutes of instructional time for students in kindergarten to Grade 6; and
 - (b) a minimum of five hours of instructional time for students in Grades 7 to 12.

Instructional time

- (2) The time required for lunch, recess and changing classes shall not be counted as instructional time.



Idem

- (3) For the purposes of this section, the principal shall schedule instructional time only for purposes of instruction, testing and other planned student activities related to the provincial goals of education that take place during an instructional day. (EC530/16)

7. School calendar

- (1) The school calendar shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) the first school day of a school year;
 - (b) the first instructional day of a school year;
 - (c) the last instructional day before Christmas Day of a school year;
 - (d) the first instructional day after New Year's Day of a school year;
 - (e) a mid-term break, consisting of five consecutive weekdays in March or April of a school year;
 - (f) the last instructional day in a school year;
 - (g) the first date on which Grade 12 graduation exercises may be held in a school year;
 - (h) the last school day of a school year.

Exception, mid-term break

- (2) Notwithstanding clause (1)(e), in the school year commencing in 2022 and ending in 2023, the mid-term break shall be scheduled in February or March 2023 to coincide with the 2023 Canada Winter Games. (EC530/16; 651/19)

8. Holidays

The following days shall not be instructional days or school days:

- (a) Boxing Day;
- (b) Christmas Day;
- (c) Easter Monday;
- (d) Good Friday;
- (e) Islander Day;
- (f) Labour Day;
- (f.1) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;
- (g) New Year's Day;
- (h) Remembrance Day;
- (i) Thanksgiving Day;
- (j) Victoria Day. (EC530/16; 764/21)

8.1 Day of Mourning

The day of September 19, 2022, a day of mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, shall not be an instructional day or a school day. (EC711/22)

9. Accounting

- (1)-(2) Revoked by EC103/17. (EC530/16; 103/17)

10. Revocation

The *School Act* School Calendar Regulations (EC539/95) are revoked. (EC530/16)

