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BLUESKY CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY No. 6.2 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for a timely determination of the school calendar.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of BlueSky Charter School to provide no less than the minimum requirements for instructional hours and length of school year established by Minnesota law.

II. LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR AND ANNUAL CALENDAR

- A. The school calendar will be adopted annually by the Board of Directors of BlueSky Charter School. The annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction for a half day kindergarten student without a disability, 850 hours of instruction for kindergarten students who attend full day; 935 hours of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not including summer school.
- B. BlueSky Charter School's annual calendar will include at least 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11.
- C. BlueSky Charter School may not adopt a four-day week schedule unless approved by the commissioner under the Flexible Learning Year Program statute.
- D. The school calendar will establish student days, workshop days for staff, provide for emergency closings and other information related to students, staff and parents.
- E. Except for learning programs during summer and flexible learning year programs, the charter school will not commence an elementary or secondary school year before Labor Day, except as provided in Section III.B.1., III.B.2., or III.B.3. Days devoted to teacher's workshops may be held before Labor Day.
 - 1. The charter school may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more affecting a charter school facility.
 - 2. The charter school may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day if the charter school has an agreement under Minnesota Statutes section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35 with a charter school that qualifies under Section III.B.1.

3. The charter school may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day if the charter school agrees to the same schedule with a charter school in an adjoining state.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §124E.03 subd. 6 (Length of School Year)
Minn. Stat. §120A.40 (School Calendar)
Minn. Stat. §§124D.12 to 124D.127 (Flexible Learning Year Programs)
Minn. Stat. §124D.128 (Learning Year Program to Provide Instruction Throughout Year)
Minn. Stat. §120A.41 (Length of School Year; Days of Instruction)