

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2014**

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR STATE BOARD-OPERATED
PROGRAMS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 162.685, RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
ItemReport
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

The State Board of Education annually approves the school calendars for the School for the Blind, School for the Deaf, and Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled. The calendars for each program are provided. The calendars provide for 174 days of student attendance. The calendars provide a total school term of 209 days. Since the 1998-1999 school year, the State Board has approved the three school systems to begin before Labor Day.

The three school systems desire to continue this practice because:

1. The schools operate on a 209-day schedule for instruction, workshops, and school holidays. Beginning school after Labor Day would not allow the school term to end until the middle of June.
2. Several of our staff enroll in summer school to meet certification deficiencies. If the school term continues until the middle of June, it will limit their options to attend 8-week summer school terms at several universities.
3. Beginning before Labor Day will better align our schools with other schools in the geographic area and avoid confusion for parents and staff having children attending those school districts.
4. The School for the Blind and School for the Deaf participate in several co-curricular activities with other residential schools. An earlier start to the year more closely approximates the schedules of the other school districts and simplifies scheduling.
5. The School for the Blind and School for the Deaf have students who participate in classes offered by area public schools and community colleges. More closely coordinating school calendars simplifies the enrollment and participation of our students in these programs.

The State Board-operated schools will not be in session for the Labor Day weekend.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends approval of the school calendars for the State Board-operated programs, as presented. The Department recommends the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Special Education, be authorized to approve adjustments to the calendars caused by weather or other conditions.

Missouri School for the Blind
Calendar 2014-2015

MONTH	SCHOOL DAYS	WORKSHOP DAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	TOTAL DAYS
August	5	4	0	9
		Aug. 19,20,21,22		
September	21	0	1	22
			Sept. 1	
October	22	0	1	23
			Oct. 13	
November	15	3	2	20
		Nov. 24,25,26	Nov.27,28	
			(Veteran's Day, Nov. 11—school is in session)	
December	15	2	6	23
		Dec. 22,23	Dec. 24,25,26,29,30,31	
January	19	0	3	22
			Jan, 1,2, 19	
February	18	0	2	20
			Feb. 12, 16	
March	22	0	0	22
April	19	0	3	22
			April 2,3,6	
May	19	0	2	21
			May 8,25	
June	5	0	0	5
TOTAL	180	9	20	209

PLEASE NOTE: The days of student attendance may be reduced up to six days (180 to 174 days of attendance) due to inclement weather. The last school day may be adjusted to make up for any days in excess of six days missed because of excessive inclement weather. Possible additional make up days are listed below.

Staff Start Date: 8/19/14
 First Day of School: 8/25/14
 Commencement: 6/4/14
 Last School Day: 6/5/14
 Last Day for Staff: 6/5/14

Missouri School for the Blind
2014-2015 School Calendar

Aug. 19-22	Professional Development Days
Aug. 25	First day of school
Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 13	Columbus Day Holiday
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – School in session
Nov. 22-26	Professional Development Days
Nov. 21	Last day for students - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 1	Classes resume
Dec. 19	Last day for students – Winter Break
Dec. 22-23	Professional Development Days
Dec. 24 – Jan. 6	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Classes resume
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
Feb. 16	President's Day Holiday
April 2-6	Spring Break (<i>April 2 Snow Day make-up day</i>)
April 7	Classes resume
May 8	Truman Holiday (<i>may be used as Snow Day make-up</i>)
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	Commencement
*June 5	Last Day of School
*June 8-10	<i>May be used as Snow Day make-up</i>

*** The last school day may be adjusted to make up for missed days (in excess of six days built into the calendar) due to inclement weather.**

School Calendar
Missouri School for the Deaf
2014 – 2015

Mon-Fri Aug 11-15	Beginning of School Year; Teacher/Staff Workshop Days.
Mon, Aug 18	1st Day of Classes
Fri, Aug 22	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Aug 24. Classes resume Mon, Aug 25.
Fri, Aug 29	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Labor Day Weekend. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Sept 1. Classes resume Tue, Sept 2. (Mon, Sept 1 Labor Day – No School)
Fri, Sept 5	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 7. Classes resume Mon, Sept 8.
Fri, Sept 12	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 14. Classes resume Mon, Sept 15.
Fri, Sept 19	No Homegoing.
Fri, Sept 26	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 28. Classes resume Mon, Sept 29.
Fri, Oct 3	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 5. Classes resume Mon, Oct 6.
Fri, Oct 10	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 12. Classes resume Mon, Oct 13.
Mon, Oct 13	Columbus Day – School in Session
Fri, Oct 17	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 19. Classes resume Mon, Oct 20.
Mon, Oct 20	Teacher workshop Day.
Fri, Oct 24	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Fri, Oct 31	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 2. Classes resume Mon, Nov 3.
Fri, Nov 7	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 9. Classes resume Mon, Nov 10.

Tue, Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday – School in Session
Fri, Nov 14	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 16. Classes resume Mon, Nov 17.
Fri, Nov 21	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Tue, Nov 25	<u>FALL RECESS</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 30. Classes resume Mon, Dec 1. Thanksgiving Day School Closed.
Fri, Dec 5	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Dec 7. Classes resume Mon, Dec 8.
Fri, Dec 12	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Dec 14. Classes resume Mon, Dec 15.
Fri, Dec 19	<u>WINTER RECESS</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Jan 4. Classes resume Mon, Jan 5.
Mon-Tue, Dec 22-23	Teacher workshop days.
Fri, Jan 2	Teacher workshop day.
Fri, Jan 9	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Jan 11. Classes resume Mon, Jan 12.
Fri, Jan 16	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Jan 19. Classes resume Tue, Jan 20. (Mon, Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Holiday – School Closed)
Fri, Jan 23	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Fri, Jan 30	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 1. Classes resume Mon, Feb 2.
Fri, Feb 6	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 8. Classes resume Mon, Feb 9.
Thurs, Feb 12	Lincoln’s Birthday – School in Session.
Fri, Feb 13	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Feb 16. Classes resume Tue, Feb 17. (President’s Day – School Closed)

- Fri, Feb 20 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 22. Classes resume Mon, Feb 23.
- Fri, Feb 27 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 1. Classes resume Mon, Mar 2.
- Thurs, Mar 5 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 8. Classes resume Mon, Mar 9.
- Fri, Mar 6 Teacher workshop days.
- Fri, Mar 13 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 15. Classes resume Mon, Mar 16.
- Fri, Mar 20 **SPRING RECESS**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 29 . Classes resume Mon, Mar 30.
- Mon-Tue, Mar23-24 Teacher workshop days.
- Fri, Apr 3 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Easter Weekend. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Apr 6. Classes resume Tue, Apr 7.
- Fri, Apr 10 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 12. Classes resume Mon, Sept 13.
- Fri, Apr 17 No Homegoing.*
- Fri, Apr 24 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Apr 26. Classes resume Mon, Apr 27.
- Fri, May 1 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, May 3. Classes resume Mon, May 4.
- Fri, May 8 **HOMEGOING WEEKEND**. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, May 11. Classes resume Tue, May 12.
(Truman’s Birthday – School in Session)
- Mon, May 11 Teacher workshop day.
- Fri, May 15 No Homegoing
- Fri, May 22 Teacher/Staff Workshop Day.

2014-2015 School Calendar
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
School Session Days

August 18	First Day of School
September 1	Labor Day Holiday
September 17	Required Staff Development
October 16 & 17	Required Staff Development
October 24	End of First Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
November 10	Required Staff Development
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Required Staff Work Day
December 24-January 2	Winter Break (Dec. 23 last day school is in session prior to winter break)
January 5	Classes Resume
January 9	End of Second Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
January 20	Required Staff Development
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
February 16	Washington's Birthday Holiday
March 3	Required Staff Work Day
March 13	End of Third Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
April 1-April 3	Spring Break (all days protected Spring Break)
April 6	Classes Resume
April 21	Required Staff Development
May 8	Truman's Birthday Holiday
May 22*	Last Day of School
May 26	Fourth Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)

* The last day of school will be adjusted as necessary to make up for missed school days due to inclement weather or other factors.

Dates designated in bold are student non-attendance days.

2014-2015 School Calendar
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

Procedure to Make-Up Missed Student Attendance Days

Make-up days will begin with May 26, 2015 and continue on consecutive weekdays, as needed.

2015 Administrative Calendar for Extended School Year

June 22 through July 31 (July 3rd break for Fourth of July)

Building Administrators' Meetings

July 30 & 31	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City
November 13 & 14	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City
February 25 & 26	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City

Staff Working Days Preceding School Opening Day

July 24	229 day staff - Begin Duty (Building Administrators, Instructional Specialists, Home School Coordinators and Secretaries)**
July 30	219 day staff - Begin Duty (Teachers in Charge of 1-2 Classroom Schools and a few Secretaries)**
August 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15	209 day staff - Required Preparation Days (Teachers, PE Teachers, Nurses and Speech Therapists)**
August 13, 14 & 15	206 day staff - Required Preparation Days (Teacher Aides and Cooks)**

Staff Working Days Following Closing Date for Schools

May 22***	206 day staff - Last Working Day (two annual leave days May 26 & May 27)
May 26***	209 day staff - Last Working Day (two annual leave days May 27 & May 28)
May 28 ***	219 day staff - Last Working Day (two annual leave days May 29 & June 1)
June 5***	229 day staff - Last Working Day (two annual leave days June 8 & June 9)

** Beginning and ending days vary for classifications not listed.

*** Last work day is subject to change. This may occur due to inclement weather or other factors causing school to be cancelled.

Staff will follow Department Hazardous Weather Policy 600-620 when inclement weather develops on designated required staff development days.