

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2015**

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR STATE BOARD-OPERATED
PROGRAMS FOR THE 2015-2016 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 2015-2016**

MONTH	SCHOOL DAYS	WORKSHOP DAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	TOTAL DAYS
August	6	5	0	11
		Aug. 17,18,19,20,21		
September	21	0	1	22
			Sept. 7	
October	21	0	1	22
			Oct. 12	
November	16	3	2	21
		Nov. 23,24,25	Nov. 26,27	
			(Veteran's Day, Nov. 11-school is in session)	
December	14	3	6	23
		Dec. 21,22,23	Dec. 24,25,28,29,30,31	
January	19	0	2	21
			Jan. 1,18	
February	20	0	1	21
			Feb. 15	
			(Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12 – school is in session)	
March	19	0	4	23
			March 28, 29, 30, 31	
April	20	0	1	21
			April 1	
May	20	0	2	22
			May 9, 30	
June	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	178	11	20	209

PLEASE NOTE: The days of student attendance may be reduced (178 to 174 days of attendance) due to inclement weather. The last school day may be adjusted to make up days missed because of inclement weather.

Staff Start Date: 8/17/2015
 First Day of School: 8/24/2015
 Commencement: 6/1/2016
 Last School Day: 6/2/2016
 Last Day for Staff: 6/2/2016

Missouri School for the Blind
2015-2016 School Calendar

Aug. 17-21	Teacher/Staff Workshop Days
Aug. 24	1 st day of classes
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – School in session
Nov. 23-25	Teacher/Staff Workshop Days
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break for Students
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break for Staff
Dec.21-Jan.1	Winter Break for Students
Dec. 21-23	Teacher/Staff Workshop Days
Dec. 24-Jan.1	Winter Break for Staff
Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday – School in session
Feb. 15	President's Day
March 28-April 1	Spring Break
May 9	Truman Day
May 30	Memorial Day

** The last school day may be adjusted to make up for missed days due to inclement weather.*

School Calendar
Missouri School for the Deaf
2015 – 2016

Fri, Aug 7	Beginning of School Year; Workshop Day
Mon-Fri Aug 10-14	Teacher/Staff Workshop Days.
Mon, Aug 17	First day of classes
Fri, Aug 21	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Aug 23. Classes resume Mon, Aug 24.
Fri, Aug 28	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Aug 30. Classes resume Mon, Aug 31.
Fri, Sept 4	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Labor Day Weekend. Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Sept 7. Classes resume Tue, Sept 8. (Mon, Sept 7 Labor Day – No School)
Fri, Sept 11	No Homegoing. (Homecoming Weekend)
Fri, Sept 18	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 20. Classes resume Mon, Sept 21.
Fri, Sept 25	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Sept 27. Classes resume Mon, Sept 28.
Fri, Oct 2	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 4. Classes resume Mon, Oct 5.
Fri, Oct 9	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 11. Classes resume Mon, Oct 12.
Mon, Oct 12	Columbus Day Holiday – School in Session
Fri, Oct 16	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 18. Classes resume Mon, Oct 19.
Fri, Oct 23	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Oct 25. Classes resume Mon, Oct 26.
Fri, Oct 30	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 1. Classes resume Mon, Nov 2.
Fri, Nov 6	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 8. Classes resume Mon, Nov 9.

Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday – School in Session
Fri, Nov 13	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 15. Classes resume Mon, Nov 16.
Fri, Nov 20	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Tue, Nov 24	<u>FALL RECESS</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Nov 29. Classes resume Mon, Nov 30. Thurs, 11/26 Thanksgiving Day School Closed.
Fri, Dec 4	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Dec 6. Classes resume Mon, Dec 7.
Fri, Dec 11	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Dec 13. Classes resume Mon, Dec 14.
Fri, Dec 18	<u>WINTER RECESS</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Jan 3. Classes resume Mon, Jan 4.
Mon-Tue, Dec 21-22	Teacher workshop days.
Fri, Jan 8	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Fri, Jan 15	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Jan 18. Classes resume Tue, Jan 19. (Mon, Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Holiday – School Closed)
Fri, Jan 22	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Jan 24. Classes resume Mon, Jan 25.
Fri, Jan 29	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Jan 31. Classes resume Mon, Feb 1.
Fri, Feb 5	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 7. Classes resume Mon, Feb 8.
Thurs, Feb 11	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Feb 15. Classes resume Tue, Feb 16. Fri, Feb 12 -Lincoln’s Birthday Holiday – No School. Mon, Feb 15 - President' Day Holiday - No School
Fri, Feb 19	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 21. Classes resume Mon, Feb 22.
Fri, Feb 26	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Feb 28. Classes resume Mon, Feb 29.

Thurs, Mar 3	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 6. Classes resume Mon, Mar 7.
Fri, Mar 4	Teacher workshop day.
Fri, Mar 11	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Mar 13. Classes resume Mon, Mar 14.
Fri, Mar 18	<u>SPRING RECESS</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, Mar 28 . Classes resume Tue, Mar 29.
Mon-Tue, Mar21-22	Teacher workshop days.
Mon, Mar 28	Teacher workshop day.
Fri, Apr 1	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Apr 3. Classes resume Mon, Apr 4.
Fri, Apr 8	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Apr 10. Classes resume Mon, Apr 11.
Fri, Apr 15	<u>No Homegoing.</u>
Fri, Apr 22	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, Apr 24. Classes resume Mon, Apr 25.
Fri, Apr 29	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Sun, May 1. Classes resume Mon, May 2.
Fri, May 6	<u>HOMEGOING WEEKEND</u> . Students dismissed 1:00 pm, return Mon, May 9. Classes resume Tue, May 10. (Truman’s Birthday Observed – No School)
Mon, May 9	Teacher workshop day.
Fri, May 13	<u>No Homegoing</u>
Sun. May 15	Graduation
Thur, May 19	Last Day of Classes.
Fri, May 20	Teacher/Staff Workshop Day.

2015-2016 School Calendar
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
School Session Days

August 17	<i>First Day of School</i>
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 22	Required Professional Development
October 15 & 16	Required Professional Development
October 23	End of First Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
November 9	Required Professional Development
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Required Professional Development
December 24-January 1	Winter Break (Dec. 23 last day school is in session prior to winter break)
January 4	Classes Resume
January 8	End of Second Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
January 13	Required Professional Development
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
February 15	Washington's Birthday Holiday
March 11	End of Third Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)
March 15	Required Professional Development
March 23-25	Spring Break (all days protected Spring Break)
March 28	Classes Resume
April 19	Required Professional Development
May 9	Truman's Birthday Holiday
May 20*	<i>Last Day of School</i>
May 23	Fourth Quarter (<i>Report of Progress to Parent</i>)

NOTES: * 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.

2015-2016 School Calendar

Procedure to Make-Up Missed Student Attendance Days

Make-up days will begin with May 23, 2016 and continue on consecutive weekdays, as needed
(Excluding Memorial Day, May 30th)

2016 Administrative Calendar for Extended School Year

June 20 through July 29 (July 4th break for Fourth of July)

Building Administrators' Meetings

August 5 & 6	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City
October 28 & 29	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City
March 2 & 3	Building Administrators' Meeting in Jefferson City

Staff Working Days Preceding School Opening Day

July 23	Building Administrators begin duty, Secretaries and Custodians employed for 229 days
July 30	Teachers in Charge of 1-2 Classroom Schools begin duty Secretaries and Custodians employed for 219 days
August 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14	Required Preparation Days for staff employed 209 days
August 12, 13 & 14	Required Preparation Days for staff employed 206 or more days

Staff Working Days Following Closing Date for Schools

May 20**	Last Working Day for all staff employed 206 or less days (three annual leave days May 23, May 24 & May 25)
May 23**	Last Working Day for staff employed 209 days (three annual leave days May 24, May 25 & May 26)
May 26 **	Last Working Day for Teachers In Charge, Secretaries and Custodians employed for 219 days (two annual leave days May 27 & May 31)
June 3**	Last Working Day for Building Administrators, Secretaries and Custodians employed for 229 days (two annual leave days June 6 & June 7)

**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.