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CHAPTER S-2.1

SCHOOL ACT

SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATIONS

Pursuant to section 147 of the *School Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. S-2.1, Council made the following regulations:

- 1. In these regulations** Definitions
- (a) “instructional day” means a day when students are in attendance at school; instructional day
 - (b) “school day” means a day when teachers are required to be on duty, in the classroom, at workshops, conventions or any other authorized activities; school day
 - (c) “school year” means the school days between September 1 and June 30; school year
 - (d) “semester” means one half of a school year. (EC539/95) semester
- 2. A total of 195 to 197 days shall be school days in each school year, as calculated within the rules set out in these regulations. (EC539/95)** Total school days
- 3. Professional development days or administrative days may be allocated in a school year to accommodate any of the following purposes:** Professional development and administration
- (a) orientation for 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) as prescribed in the collective agreement;
 - (e) as determined by the Minister. (EC539/95; 554/10)
- 4. (1) A school board may give approval to a school to cancel classes for one day in each semester for parent-teacher interviews.** Interviews
- (2) Notwithstanding section 3, a school board may give approval to a school to carry out professional development programs for one-half of any day designated for parent-teacher interviews. (EC539/95) *Idem*
- 5. A school board may cancel classes at any school** Cancellation of classes
- (a) on a day to day basis by reason of weather conditions or mechanical breakdown;

- (b) if the operation of a school would create a significant risk to the health of the occupants of the school;
- (c) if the operation of a school would create a significant risk to the safety of the occupants of the school;
- (d) for up to one day for kindergarten classes to accommodate orientation or screening programs for children who will be entering kindergarten in the following September;
- (e) 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 September;
- (f) on the day of a funeral for a staff member or a student. (EC539/95; 554/10)

Instructional day	<p>6. (1) An instructional day for students shall consist of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a minimum of four hours and forty-five minutes of instructional time for kindergarten to Grade 6; and (b) a minimum of five hours of instructional time for Grades 7 to 12.
Instructional time	<p>(2) In calculating instructional time, the time required for lunch, recess, and to change classes shall not be counted as instructional time.</p>
<i>Idem</i>	<p>(3) For the purposes of this section, instructional time shall be time scheduled by a school for purposes of instruction, testing and other planned student activities related to the provincial goals of education, that take place during an instructional day. (EC539/95; 554/10)</p>
School calendar	<p>7. The Minister may issue a Minister's Directive to provide for a school calendar in respect of a school year which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the first full day of school in a school year; (b) the last full day of school before Christmas Day of a school year; (c) the first full day of school after New Year's Day of a school year; (d) a mid-term break consisting of five consecutive instructional days in March of a school year; (e) the last instructional day in a school year for senior high school graduating students; (f) the first date on which Grade 12 graduation exercises may be held in a school year; (g) the last full day of school for a school year. (EC539/95; 112/04; 554/10)
Last school day	<p>Sections 8 to 13 are revoked by EC554/10. (EC539/95; 554/10)</p>
Holidays	<p>14. The following days shall not be instructional or school days:</p>

- (a) Labour Day;
- (b) Thanksgiving Day;
- (c) Remembrance Day;
- (d) Islander Day;
- (e) Good Friday;
- (f) Easter Monday;
- (g) Victoria Day. (EC539/95; 554/10)

15. (1) Schools shall provide their school board with a monthly Accounting
accounting of the number of school days used for teachers and
instructional days used for students.

(2) By July 30 of each year school boards shall forward to the Minister Summary
an annual summary of the number of school days and instructional days
used by each school during the preceding school year. (EC539/95)

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Variation
Minister may vary any calendar provision upon notice to the school
boards or at the written request of a school board. (EC539/95)