Illinois State Board of Education School Calendar 2022-23 Guidance

This guidance assumes that the 2022-23 school year will be a normal school year in terms of calendar requirements. If needed, additional guidance will be released with instructions on how to handle unanticipated events, including disaster declarations or major public health issues, that might arise.

E-learning and Emergency Days

E-learning Days may only be used when an Emergency Day would otherwise be appropriate and a district has an approved e-learning plan, but using an E-Learning Day does not remove a Proposed Emergency Day from the district's calendar. All Proposed Emergency Days on your proposed calendar must be used (in addition to any E-learning Days utilized) before Act of God Days can be entered onto your calendar.

Given the severe impact of the pandemic on student learning, every effort should be made to make up any scheduled instructional days when instruction was not provided for any reason. ISBE will continue to look more closely at requests for Act of God Days and may reach out to Regional Offices of Education and school districts for additional information when a high number of AOG Days has been requested.

New Holidays

<u>Public Act 102-0014</u> creates a new holiday – Juneteenth National Freedom Day. June 19 of each year is a holiday to be observed throughout the state. Districts are not required to observe the holiday when June 19 falls on a Saturday or Sunday but may choose to do so and code the day as a "Not in Attendance Day" in the calendar system.

<u>Public Act 102-0015</u> creates a new holiday – 2022 General Election Day. November 8, 2022 shall be deemed a legal school holiday.

Polling Place Use of E-learning Day

<u>Public Act 102-0584</u> allows districts to use an E-learning Day on an election day that is not a legal school holiday if they have an approved e-learning plan and have a building selected as a polling location. The maximum number of E-learning Days was not increased so using an E-learning Day on an election day when a school in your district has been chosen as a polling place will reduce the number of E-learning Days available for the rest of the year. No more than five total E-learning Days can be used each year.

Technical Support

Questions pertaining to the Public School Calendar should be directed to schoolcalendars@isbe.net.

