

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**DATE:** June 11, 2002  
**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** School Calendar Policy Revision (Policy 6111)  
**ORIGINATOR:** Sharon Norman, Director, Office of Communications

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**Recommendation**

**That the Board of Education accept the proposed revisions  
to Policy 6111 (School Calendar)**

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This policy was adopted in 1968 and has not been revised in the interim. Recommended changes involve the addition of language which reflects new legal requirements and MSDE expectations which are not reflected in the policy. In addition, a Superintendent's Rule has been developed to clarify implementation practices.

This revision is part of the initiative of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction to update the 6000 policy series.

The Board Policy Review Committee has reviewed proposed changes twice. This will be the first reading of the proposed changes by the full Board.

**Originator:** Sharon Norman

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Attachment 1 – Revised Policy 6111

## INSTRUCTION: SCHOOL CALENDAR

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR MUST BE DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM. THE CALENDAR MUST MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH DAYS AND HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND REFLECT SCHOOL CLOSINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY LAW. The school calendar adopted annually by the Board of Education will ordinarily provide for more than the minimum days required by law IN ORDER TO ANTICIPATE EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND LATE OPENINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER SYSTEM-WIDE EMERGENCIES. THE SCHOOL CALENDAR MUST OBSERVE MANDATED FEDERAL, STATE, AND BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENTS.

Each year, the Superintendent of Schools shall submit a proposed calendar [for the ensuing year] to the Board of Education for its approval.

Legal Reference: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article, §7-103 (a), (c)  
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Policy

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