

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**DATE:** August 13, 2002

**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM:** Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** School Calendar Policy Revision (Policy 6111)

**ORIGINATOR:** Sharon Norman, Director, Office of Communications

**Recommendation**

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

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

After two reviews by the Board Policy Review Committee, the revised policy was presented to the Board of Education at the June 11, 2002 meeting. Changes proposed by Board members have been incorporated, and the policy is being brought before the Board for its consideration at the August 13, 2002 meeting and for public comment.

This policy was adopted in 1968 and has not been revised in the interim. A Superintendent's Rule has been developed to clarify implementation practices for the development of the systemwide school calendar.

**Originator:** Sharon Norman

Attachment 1 – Revised Policy 6111

Attachment 2 – Superintendent's Rule 6111

INSTRUCTION: SCHOOL CALENDAR

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR MUST BE DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM. The school calendar adopted annually by the Board of Education will ordinarily provide for more than the minimum days AND HOURS required by law IN ORDER TO ANTICIPATE EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND LATE OPENINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER SYSTEM WIDE EMERGENCIES.

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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COMAR 13A.02.01.04

Policy  
Adopted: 11/21/68

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of Baltimore County

INSTRUCTION: SCHOOL CALENDAR

TO SUPPORT THE STAFF IN MEETING THESE EXPECTATIONS AND IN DEMONSTRATING A SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, A CALENDAR COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM STAKEHOLDER GROUPS WILL ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED CALENDAR THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE STAFF TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE GROUPS SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING: PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, AREA ADVISORY COUNCILS, BALTIMORE COUNTY STUDENT COUNCILS, AND THE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT CALENDAR, COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WILL SEEK FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND CONSIDER THIS FEEDBACK IN DEVELOPING A FINAL PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE CALENDAR FOR ANY GIVEN SCHOOL YEAR, ONCE APPROVED, WILL BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC AT LEAST ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

Rule

Superintendent of Schools