

## ISBE Public School Calendar 2023-24 Guidance

### Overview

The Public School Calendar is a web-based system accessible via the ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) system. Per [105 ILCS 5/10-19](#), "Each school board shall annually prepare a calendar for the school term, specifying the opening and closing dates and providing a minimum term of at least 185 days to insure 176 days of actual pupil attendance ..."

### Current Year Changes and Reminders

This guidance assumes that the 2023-24 school year will be conducted as normal in terms of calendar requirements. Additional guidance will be released if needed in the event of unanticipated events, such as regional or statewide disaster declarations or major public health emergencies.

### New Holiday

[Public Act 103-0467](#) creates a new holiday – 2024 General Election Day. Pursuant to the act, Nov. 5, 2024, shall be deemed a legal school holiday. The 2024 General Election Day holiday was not added to the [list](#) of holidays on which school activities are allowed and is therefore deemed a mandatory holiday.

### E-learning and Emergency Days

E-learning Days may only be used when an Emergency Day would otherwise be appropriate, 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 (ROEs) and school districts for additional information beyond what is automatically required by the system when a high number of Act of God Days have been requested.

### Lincoln's Birthday Reminder

Illinois School Code defines the legal school holidays. It designates Lincoln's Birthday but not Presidents Day as a legal school holiday. A district may close on Presidents Day but must code it as a Not in Attendance (NIA) day rather than a school holiday. All school holidays are prepopulated in the system, and changing a day that is not an official school holiday to a holiday code will prompt a red error message and lead to the "Submit" button not showing up at the bottom of the page.

### Technical Support

Questions pertaining to the Public School Calendar should be directed to [schoolcalendars@isbe.net](mailto:schoolcalendars@isbe.net).