

ISBE Public School Calendar 2024-25 Guidance

One Page Summary of Changes and Reminders

Overview

This guidance assumes that the 2024-25 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.

New Holiday

[Public Act 103-0467](#) creates a new holiday – 2024 General Election Day. November 5, 2024, shall be deemed a legal school holiday. This is a mandatory holiday as it's not been added to the [list](#) of holidays where school activities are allowed.

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. A district that has an approved e-learning program must utilize all five e-learning days in addition to all Proposed Emergency Days before ISBE will consider approving Act of God Days.

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 (AOG) Days and may reach out to Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) and school districts for additional information when a high number of AOG Days has been requested.

Lincoln's Birthday Reminder

Illinois School Code defines the school holidays. It specifies that Lincoln's Birthday is the official school holiday and not Presidents Day. A district may take Presidents Day off by coding it as a Not in Attendance (NIA) day. All the school holidays are prepopulated in the system. Changing a day that is not an official school holiday to a holiday code will result in a red error message being displayed and 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.