

**TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 10. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES  
SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**210:10-1-4. Length of term**

- (a) The minimum length of ~~term~~ the school year will be one hundred eighty (180) days or one thousand eighty (1,080) hours ~~ten (10) months, (180 days actually taught).~~ ~~Provided~~ provided not to exceed up to five (5) days or thirty (30) hours per school year of 180 days required may be used for attendance of professional meetings. A school district that adopts a 1,080 hours policy rather than a 180 day policy shall notify the State Board of Education prior to October 15 of the applicable school year. Where professional days are taken, they shall be so recorded in the register of attendance in a like manner as holidays are recorded. The legal aggregate days attendance will be divided by days actually taught to obtain the legal average daily attendance. Any school district holding less than a full term will have its state aid reduced proportionately. No district may have less than a full term of school unless conditions over which it has no control exist that would prevent the district's holding a full term. In cases where sites within a district have different length terms the average daily membership (ADM) and average daily attendance (ADA) should be calculated for each site separately.
- (b) School activities must be under the direction or supervision of the teacher or supervisor whether such activities take place within or without the school building or school grounds in order to be considered a school day or part of a school day. Pupils dismissed and not under the direction or supervision of the teacher cannot be considered as participating in scheduled school activities. A student serving as a Page to the Legislature may be counted in attendance.
- (c) All pupils attending any school within a school district including underage, overage, non-resident, and non-transferred pupils shall have their names entered in the attendance register and have their attendance recorded in the same manner as any other pupil.