

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

A notarized affidavit is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, (**Certification by Principal of Non-Public Nonlicensed School**), certifying that the Compulsory Attendance Law requirements will be met. The current Compulsory Attendance Law requires that, at the elementary (1-6) level, one hundred and eighty (180) days or nine hundred (900) hours of instruction per year will be offered. The Law also requires that, at the secondary (7-12) level, one hundred and eighty (180) days or nine hundred and ninety (990) hours of instruction per year will be offered.

Each elementary and secondary school of the Diocese of Harrisburg will fulfill instructional time requirements with a school calendar of at least one hundred and eighty (180) days, to coincide, as closely as possible, with the calendar of the public school district from which the greatest number of its students come.

Permission for the utilization of the hours of instruction; i.e., the nine hundred (900) hours on the elementary level and the nine hundred and ninety (990) hours on the secondary level, requires the authorization of the Superintendent of Schools. This permission will be granted only in the event of unusual circumstances.

Hours of instruction do not include opening/closing exercises, recess, activity periods, delayed openings or early dismissals due to inclement weather and/or early dismissals before vacations or after examinations.

Policy

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Bishop of Harrisburg