

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Approval of School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf  
**Date:** May 6, 2002

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**Recommended Action:**

Approve the School and Holiday Calendars for the Iowa School for the Deaf for 2002-03 contingent upon the Governor's signing of SF 2326.

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**Executive Summary:**

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| Reduced school calendar authorized  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Legislature has provided ISD the opportunity to conduct a three-year pilot project using a school calendar that would reduce the number of calendar days it is in session.</li> </ul> |
| 175 days vs. 180                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISD proposes 175 days of instruction instead of 180.</li> </ul>   |
| Hours of instruction remains same   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of hours of instruction in the school year would remain the same.</li> <li>• ISD is required to evaluate student progress during the pilot project.</li> </ul>                 |
| Governor hasn't signed bill         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Governor has not, at this writing, signed the legislation authorizing the pilot project.</li> </ul>   |
| Student performance to be evaluated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has identified a revised calendar and a student evaluation process which the Board is asked to approve, contingent upon the Governor signing the legislation.</li> </ul>       |
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**Background:**

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| <u>Policy Manual requirement</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with the <u>Board of Regents Policy Manual §6.12</u>, the Board is asked to approve the school calendar for the Iowa School for the Deaf. The calendar is shown on Attachment A.</li> </ul> |
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- Pending legislation
- SF 2326 passed during this session of the General Assembly gives the Board authority to establish a pilot program to investigate instituting an “innovative” school calendar at ISD. This bill has not been by the signed by the Governor.
  - The text of the legislation is as follows:  
“The state board of regents may establish a three-year pilot program to evaluate the benefits of establishing an innovative school calendar for the school for the deaf. If the board establishes a pilot program in accordance with this section, the board shall provide for the administration of valid and reliable standardized assessments to demonstrate the program's effect on student achievement. Any findings and recommendations resulting from a pilot program established in accordance with this section shall be submitted to the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on education and the joint appropriations subcommittee on education by December 15, 2005. The report shall include a listing of the savings, goals and outcomes, and the effect of the innovative school calendar on student achievement and the school's educational program. This section is repealed effective June 30, 2006.”
  - As a result of anticipated reductions in state appropriations, Superintendent Johnson is proposing a shortened school calendar for the coming academic year.

- Proposed calendar
- Traditionally K-12 school calendars include 180 instructional days. Each instructional day includes six hours of instruction. The proposed calendar contains 175 instructional days.
  - In order to provide the same number of instructional hours, the school day will be extended for 30 school days between September 9 and November 11, 2002.
  - ISD reports that the shortened calendar would result in savings in salaries of non-faculty school year staff, utilities, food and transportation.

Required evaluation of effect on student achievement

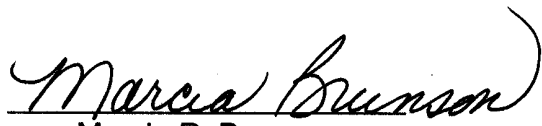
To fulfill the legislative requirement that achievement of students be evaluated during this pilot project, ISD turned to its strategic plan to quantify the use of standardized tests as part of its commitment to continuous school improvement. ISD is further committed to use standardized assessments as a component of its North Central Association accreditation. ISD will use four assessment measures in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, and social studies, including:

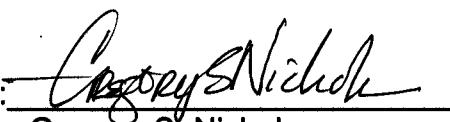
- Four assessment tools
- Routine growth results from Stanford Achievement Test results of general student populations;
  - Routine growth results from Stanford Achievement Test results of deaf students;
  - North West Evaluation Assessments (NWEA); and
  - ISD teacher assessments.

- Holiday calendar
- The holiday calendar, Attachment B, is consistent with the policy of the Board of Regents, state law and applicable collective bargaining agreements.
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**Analysis:**

- ISD has developed a calendar for the pilot project which meets the legislative requirements, including analyzing student results.
  - The students would receive the same number of hours of instruction pursuant to the revised calendar of 175 school days as with the pervious calendars of 180 days because of the hour added to the length of 30 school days.
  - As the Governor has not signed the authorizing legislation, approval of the pilot project is contingent upon SF 2326 becoming law.
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Marcia R. Brunson

Approved:   
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Gregory S. Nichols

# 2002-2003 School Calendar

## August 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	(21)	(22)	(23)	24
(25)	(26)	27	28	29	(30)	31

## September 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	(2)	(3)	(4)	5	6	7
8	+9	+10	+11	+12	13	14
15	+16	+17	+18	+19	20	21
22	+23	+24	+25	+26	(27)	28
29	(30)					

## October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	(1)	2	3	4	5	
6	+7	+8	+9	+10	11	12
13	+14	+15	+16	+17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	(25)	26
27	(28)	(29)	30	31		

## November 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	+4	+5	+6	+7	8	9
10	+11	+12	+13	+14	+15	16
17	+18	+19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	(27)	(28)	(29)	30

## December 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(1)	(2)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	(20)	21
22	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	28
29	(30)	(31)				

## January 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(5)	(6)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	(31)	

August 21-23 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 August 23 ..... Residential Staff In-Service  
 August 25 ..... Students Return  
 August 26 ..... First Day of Classes  
 August 30 ..... Students Leave  
 September 2 ..... Labor Day  
 September 3 ..... Students Return  
 September 27 ..... Students Leave  
 September 30 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 September 30 ..... Students Return  
 October 5 ..... Homecoming  
 October 25 ..... Students Leave  
 October 28 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 October 28 ..... Students Return  
 November 15 ..... End of First Trimester  
 November 22 ..... Parent/Teacher Conference  
 November 27 ..... Students Leave  
 November 27-29 ..... Thanksgiving Holiday  
 November 28 ..... Thanksgiving Day  
 December 1 ..... Students Return  
 December 20 ..... Students Leave  
 December 23-31 ..... Winter Holiday  
 December 24 & 25 ..... Christmas Holiday  
 December 31 ..... New Year Holiday  
 January 1 ..... New Year's Day  
 January 2-3 ..... Winter Holiday  
 January 5 ..... Students Return  
 January 31 ..... Students Leave  
 February 2 ..... Students Return  
 February 27 ..... End of Second Trimester  
 February 27 ..... Students Leave  
 February 28 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 March 2 ..... Students Return  
 March 7 ..... Parent/Teacher Conference  
 March 28 ..... Students Leave

March 31 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 March 31 ..... Students Return  
 April 18 ..... Students Leave  
 April 21 ..... Faculty In-Service  
 April 21 ..... Students Return  
 May 9 ..... Students Leave  
 May 12 ..... Students Return  
 May 16 ..... Senior Honors Program  
 May 16 ..... Athletic Awards Program  
 May 17 ..... Commencement  
 May 23 ..... End of Third Trimester  
 May 23 ..... All-School Recognitions  
 May 23 ..... Last Day of School  
 May 23 ..... Students Leave  
 May 26 ..... Memorial Day  
 May 27 ..... Faculty In-Service



| | Faculty In-Service  
 / / Residential Staff In-Service  
 < > Students Leave  
 ( ) Students Return  
 [ ] Classes Resume  
 { } Faculty Off Contract  
 \* \* End of Trimester  
 % School Holiday & ISD  
 Campus Closed

Dates with "+" indicate as days with one extra hour of school



## February 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	(27)	(28)	

## March 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
(4)	(3)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	(28)	29
30	(31)					

## April 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	(1)	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	(18)	19
20	(21)	(22)	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	(9)	10
11	(12)	(13)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	(23)	24
25	(26)	(27)	28	29	30	31

## June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## July 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Iowa School for the Deaf  
FY 2003 Holiday Schedule

July 4, 2002	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Holiday
December 25	Christmas
January 1, 2003	News Year's Day
January 2	Holiday
May 26	Memorial Day