The normal school day for the instruction of the students of Tucson Unified School District shall be in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes.

Each instructional day shall consist of not less than the minimum amount of time prescribed in A.R.S. 15-901 for each respective program level.

**School Closings**

The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss school early for emergency reasons and to protect the health and safety of students and staff members, shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of such emergency closing, and shall in all cases inform the Board President as soon as possible.

As may be necessary for the purposes of submitting an amended school year calendar and excusing students from school attendance on the dates of a school’s closing the District shall apply to the Arizona Department of Education for authorization if the District excuses students from school attendance due to one or more of the following factors:

- Widespread illness for any period of three consecutive days or more.
- Adverse weather conditions for any period of three consecutive days or more.
- Concerted refusal by students to attend classes for any period of three consecutive days or more.
- Threats of violence against school property, school personnel or pupils for any period of one day or more.
- Situations affecting the safety of persons or property resulting from fire, flooding or floodwater, an earthquake, a hazardous material event or another cause if approved by the department of education.

Such application for approval shall be made as soon as practical under the circumstances.

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A.R.S. 
15-341  General powers and duties; immunity; delegation 
15-801  School year; school month; holidays 
15-806  Excuse from school attendance 
15-861  Four day school week and alternative kindergarten programs 
15-901  Definitions 

CROSS REF:  IC - School Year 
ID-R School Day Regulation