

# Article 8: Academic Calendar

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The “ACADEMIC CALENDAR” covers the entire period from the beginning of one Fall semester to the beginning of the subsequent Fall semester, including holidays, breaks, intersessions and Summer sessions.

**8.01 CONTRACT YEAR:** For the academic years 1999 – 2002, the contract year will consist of 177 days:

175 days of instruction including 4 days of Professional Development Activities, 1 day of Commencement, and 1 day of new faculty orientation and/or assignment preparation.

**8.02 ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR:** In order to facilitate planning, the academic calendar will be established three (3) years in advance. A committee consisting of the following individuals will recommend an academic calendar to the AFA, which will negotiate it with the District and bring it to the Board of Trustees for approval. The committee will consist of:

One (1) AFA representative  
Two (2) Academic Senate representatives  
Two (2) classified staff representatives  
Two (2) students  
Three (3) administrators

**8.03 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY DAYS (PDA):**  
See Article 22: Professional Development.

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