

Article 8: Academic Calendar

8.01 CONTRACT YEAR

- A. **Number of Days.** The contract year will consist of one hundred seventy-seven (177) days:
 - 1. One hundred seventy-five (175) days of instruction including four (4) days of professional development activities;
 - 2. One (1) day of commencement; and
 - 3. One (1) day of new faculty orientation and/or assignment preparation.
- B. **For 2009-10:** For the 2009-10 academic year, AFA and the District agree to eliminate New Faculty Orientation/Assignment Preparation Day, reducing the academic calendar from one hundred seventy-seven (177) to one hundred seventy-six (176) days. This reduction will be considered a mandatory furlough.

8.02 ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- A. **Advance Planning.** In order to facilitate planning, the academic calendar will be established three (3) years in advance.
- B. **Calendar Committee.** 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:
 - 1. One (1) AFA representative
 - 2. Two (2) Academic Senate representatives
 - 3. Two (2) classified staff representatives
 - 4. Two (2) students
 - 5. Three (3) administrators

8.03 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY (PDA) DAYS:

See Article 22: Professional Development.

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