

# Article 7

# Academic Calendar

Representatives of the District administration shall meet with representatives of the Federation on items relating to the academic calendars for each academic year.

## 7.1 General Conditions

- 7.1.1 The calendar meetings shall be completed for the succeeding year no later than January 15.
- 7.1.2 The academic calendars shall be for 175 days of instruction or as otherwise stipulated in state statutes.
- 7.1.3 Holidays specified in Ed. Code 79020 or other state statutes shall be respected in each academic calendar.
- 7.1.4 The parties intend that the calendars adopted will extend the greatest opportunity practicable to encourage student enrollment.
- 7.1.5 The 175-day work year for unit members shall be accounted for in total within the pertinent academic calendar except as provided for otherwise in Article 6.
- 7.1.6 Every effort will be made to minimize the clustering of holidays on any particular day of the week.

## 7.2 Alternative Calendar

Representatives of LRCFT and management will reconvene a study group to examine the alternative schedule. The study group will meet in consultation with the Academic Senate on academic and professional matters and will also move to involve other constituency groups (stakeholders). Areas under study shall include, but not be limited to, options for layout calendars (e.g. intersession, etc.), examples of contract language, class schedule matrices (e.g. block), student success, enrollment and retention data, and models for facilities and staff. Organization and discussions shall begin no later than August 26, 2005, and be completed by January 15, 2006. The purpose of this work group would be to provide a recommendation (if any) regarding an alternative schedule.