ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE   4010
DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Desert Community College District has determined that the College shall follow a 16-week calendar. The academic year shall be a minimum of 175 days of instruction and evaluation.

The academic calendar shall include flexible calendar options, if any.

Each year, a committee made up of representatives from all relevant college groups shall meet and determine the academic calendar for the year following the next academic year.

The District's college and offices of the District shall be closed on the following holidays:
- New Year's Day (January 1; see Note 1 below)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln Day (February 12; see Note 1 below)
- Washington Day (Third Monday in February)
- César Chávez Day (March 31; see Note 2 below)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Juneteenth (June 19; see Note 2 below)
- Independence Day (July 4; see Note 1 below)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Native American Day (Fourth Friday in September; see Note 2 below)
- Veterans Day (November 11; see Note 1 below)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Day after Thanksgiving Day (see Note 2 below)
- Christmas Eve Day (December 24; see Note 2 below)
- Christmas Day (December 25 see Note 1 below)
- New Year's Eve Day (December 31; see Note 2 below)

Other Holidays: The Board of Trustees may declare other days to be holidays and close the college and offices when good reason exists.

Note 1: Please refer to Education Code Section 79020 for laws regulating holidays that fall on the weekends.

Note 2: These holidays are scheduled as collectively bargained and in accordance with Education Code Sections 79020 subdivision (k) and 79020 subdivision (l).

References:
 Education Code Section 79020
 Title 5 Sections 55700 et seq. and 58142

Administrator: VP Instruction
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