

1 **Ovando School District #11**

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5 School Year Calendar and Day

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7 School Calendar

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9 Subject to §§ 20-1-301 and 20-1-308, MCA, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement  
10 covering the employment of affected employees, the trustees of a school district shall set the  
11 number of hours in a school term, the length of the school day, and the number of school days in  
12 a school week. When proposing to adopt changes to a previously adopted school term, school  
13 week, or school day, the trustees shall: (a) negotiate the changes with the recognized collective  
14 bargaining unit representing the employees affected by the changes; (b) solicit input from the  
15 employees affected by the changes but not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; (c)  
16 and from the people who live within the boundaries of the school district.

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18 Commemorative Holidays

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20 Teachers and students will devote a portion of the day on each commemorative holiday  
21 designated in § 20-1-306, MCA, to study and honor the commemorated person or occasion. The  
22 Board may from time to time designate a regular school day as a commemorative holiday.

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24 Saturday School

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26 Pupil instruction may be held on a Saturday at the discretion of a school district for the purpose  
27 of providing additional pupil instruction, provided that: (a) Saturday school is not a pupil-  
28 instruction day and does not count toward the minimum aggregate hours of pupil instruction; and  
29 (b) student attendance is voluntary.

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31 School Fiscal Year

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33 At least the minimum number of aggregate hours must be conducted during each school fiscal  
34 year. The minimum aggregate hours required by grade are:

35 (a) A minimum of 360 aggregate hours for a kindergarten program;

36 (b) 720 hours for grades 1 through 3;

37 (c) 1,080 hours for grades 4 through 12; and

38 (d) 1,050 hours may be sufficient for graduating seniors.

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40 In addition, seven (7) pupil instruction-related days may be scheduled for the following  
41 purposes:

42 1. Pre-school staff orientation for the purpose of organization of the school year;

43 2. Staff professional development programs (minimum of three (3) days);

44 3. Parent/teacher conferences; and

45 4. Post-school record and report (not to exceed one (1) day, or one-half (½) day at the end  
46 of each semester or quarter).

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4Legal References:

§ 20-1-301, MCA

School fiscal year

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§ 20-1-302, MCA

School day and week

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§ 20-1-303, MCA

Conduct of School on Saturday or Sunday  
prohibited - exceptions

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§ 20-1-304, MCA

Pupil-instruction-related day

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§ 20-1-306, MCA

Commemorative exercises on certain days

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ARM 10.55.701

Board of Trustees

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ARM 10.65.101-103

Pupil-Instruction-Related Days

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ARM 10.55.906

High School Credit

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