



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 257
[2013 Senate Bill 589]

**School Days and State Aid
for Summer School**

2013 Wisconsin Act 257 repeals the requirement that school be held for 180 days per year and provides state aid for interim sessions for year-round schools and for certain online courses.

Background

Under current law, the school district must schedule at least 437 hours of direct instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 in grades one to six, and at least 1,137 in grades seven to 12. Under prior law, the school district was also required to hold school for 180 days in each school term.

Currently, school districts receive state aid for pupils who enroll in summer school and laboratory periods if the State Superintendent has determined that the classes are necessary for academic purposes.

Act 257

2013 Wisconsin Act 257 repeals the requirement that school be held for 180 days each school term but does not affect the minimum number of hours of direct instruction required.

Under the Act, a school district that provides year-round school may receive state aid for pupils who enroll in interim session classes and laboratory periods if the State Superintendent determines that the classes are necessary for academic purposes. The Act defines "interim session" as a period of time in a school year when school is held by a school district to provide direct instruction in addition to the minimum hours of direct instruction required for each grade.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

The Act also permits districts to receive state aid for online courses taken by high school or seventh and eighth grade pupils if specified conditions are satisfied.

Effective date: Act 257 takes effect on April 10, 2014. The changes related to state aid first apply in the 2014-15 school year.

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