

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #309 (2003-2004)

May 24, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT *Carol Comeau*SUBJECT: RECONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL  
CALENDAR FOR 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEARRECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the revised school year calendar (Attachment A) for Village Charter School for the 2003-2004 school year due to changes in State Statute AS 14.03.030. It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to forward this revised calendar to the Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development for inclusion in the two year charter contract of Village Charter School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In May of 2003, the ASD administration and Village Charter School (VCS) agreed to a calendar change for VCS for the school year 2003-2004 in order to comply with current state law. This revised calendar required VCS students to attend six days per week during the month of June 2004. The agreement was reached with the understanding that the State legislature was to consider changing the current law to allow more flexibility in school terms throughout the state. VCS had been operating under the concept of "banked time" from its inception. Currently, students attend four days per week with a total of 966.8 contact hours accrued during the school year. Typically VCS students were given the option of attending an interim session in January and February or attend school in June to complete the total amount of contact time required. Since they would be required to attend school in June 2004, all students have been required to attend all sessions at VCS since school began in September 2003.

The Alaska Legislature, in their 2004 session, passed in both the House and the Senate, SB 239 allowing for a school term to be not less than 150 days if approved by the Commissioner of Education and "that includes at least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in grades four through twelve." Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to July 1, 2003. The complete bill is included as Attachment B.

Village Charter School is requesting that their school term end May 27, 2004. The attached calendar will show 966.8 contact hours with students beginning September 2, 2003, through May 27, 2004.

At its annual review on June 14, 2004, Village Charter School will present a proposed calendar for 2004-2005, which will include a five day week and similar school term to the rest of the Anchorage School District for next year.

Attachments

CC/JC/CB

Prepared by: Connie Bensler, Charter School Liaison

Approved by: Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Village Charter School

Student Hours of Instruction

July 03

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
	7	8	9	10
	14	15	16	17
	21	22	23	24
	28	29	30	31

August 03

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
	4	5	6	7
	11	12	13	14
	18	19	20	21
	25	26	27	28

Sept 03

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
	8	9	10	11
	15	16	17	18
	22	23	24	25
	29	30		

Oct 03

M	T	W	TH	F
				2
	6	7	8	9
	13	14	15	16
	20	21	22	23
	27	28	29	30

Nov 03

M	T	W	TH	F
				6
	3	4	5	12
	10	11	12	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	25	26	27

Dec 03

M	T	W	TH	F
				4
	1	2	3	10
	8	9	10	11
	15	16	17	18
	22	23	24	25
	29	30	31	

Jan 04

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
	5	6	7	8
	12	13	14	15
	19	20	21	22
	26	27	28	29

Feb 04

M	T	W	TH	F
				6
	2	3	4	11
	9	10	11	12
	16	17	18	19
	23	24	25	26

March 04

M	T	W	TH	F
				4
	1	2	3	10
	8	9	10	11
	15	16	17	18
	22	23	24	25
	29	30	31	

April 04

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
	5	6	7	8
	12	13	14	15
	19	20	21	22
	26	27	28	29

May 04

M	T	W	TH	F
				6
	3	4	5	12
	10	11	12	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	25	26	27
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June 04

M	T	W	TH	F
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	7	8	9	10
	14	15	16	17
	21	22	23	24
	28	29	30	

Days	26	Regular session	8:30-4:30 less 30 min. lunch and 15 min. recess	31	Regular Session	8:30-2:45 less 30 min. lunch	No recess
Hours	623.5			178.3	Hours		
Days	18	Intensives	8:30-4:30 less 30 min. lunch and 15 min. recess	6	Intensives	8:30-2:45 less 30 min. lunch	No recess
Hours	130.5			24.5	Hours		

Total Instructional Hours for VCS Students **966.8**

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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239(HES) am**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/27/04

Offered: 2/27/04

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DYSON

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the required number of days or hours in session in a school year;  
2 and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* Section 1. AS 14.03.030 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.030. School term.** A school term begins and ends on the dates  
6 fixed by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less  
7 than 180 days in session [,] unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

8 (1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day  
9 in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

10 (2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session  
11 because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

12 (3) [A SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS A SCHOOL TERM OF NOT  
13 LESS THAN 150 DAYS FOR A SCHOOL IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS  
14 THAT

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(A) THE SHORTER TERM IS NECESSARY FOR  
ABATING HEALTH HAZARDS IN THE SCHOOL; AND

(B) THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS SUBMITTED AN  
ACCEPTABLE PLAN UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE  
APPROXIMATE EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENT OF A 180-DAY TERM;  
OR

(4) the school board adopts a different school term that  
includes at least 740 hours of instruction and studv periods for pupils in  
kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900  
hours of instruction and studv periods for pupils in grades four through  
12 [OF NOT LESS THAN 170 DAYS FOR A SCHOOL] if the commissioner  
finds that the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under which  
students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-day  
term.

\* Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
read:

RETROACTIVITY. Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to July 1, 2003.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).