

**Kern Community College  
District Administrative Procedure  
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

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**AP 4010 Academic Calendar**

**References:**

Education Code Section 79020;  
Title 5 Sections 55700 et seq. and 58142  
Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 1 Section C, sub-section 12

**Note: This procedure is legally required.**

The academic calendar includes:

- The number of days that define an academic year is 175 days of instruction and evaluation
- Per the faculty collective bargaining agreement, the academic senates are delegated the right to settle the academic calendar for their colleges. Therefore, the process for determining the academic calendar begins with each college's Academic Senate and incorporates review of the draft calendar by appropriate college and district committees with final approval by the Board of Trustees. Review and approval should commence at least two academic years prior to the calendar's activation.
- Holidays, which include:
  - New Year's Day (January 1)
  - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday in January)
  - Lincoln Day (February 12 or see Note below)
  - Washington Day (Third Monday in February)
  - Spring Recess
  - Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
  - Juneteenth (June 19)
  - Independence Day (July 4)
  - Labor Day (First Monday in September)
  - Veterans Day (November 11 or see Note below)
  - Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
  - Thanksgiving Recess (Fourth Friday in November)
  - Christmas Recess (December 24)

- Christmas Day (December 25)
- Other Holidays – The Board of Trustees may declare other days to be holidays and close the colleges and offices when good reason exists. (These holidays traditionally have been New Year's Eve day, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve day.)

NOTE: Education Code Section 79020 references laws regulating the scheduling of Lincoln Day, Veterans Day, and holidays that fall on the weekends.