

MARKING PERIODS

Grade closing dates are set by the Building Principal, in concert with the Superintendent of Schools. A one hundred eighty (180) day school year is divided into marking periods. The marking periods are divided according to the school progress reports which are used for the grade level.

A. Grades	PreK - K	Two half-year sessions
B. Grades	1 – 5	Trimesters
C. Grades	6 – 12	Quarters

Seniors The fourth quarter for seniors ends on the 168th school day as originally scheduled on the school calendar. The earliest possible release day for seniors is twelve days prior to the regularly scheduled closing date of the school. At a minimum, school districts that operate 180 days could release and graduate their seniors on the 168th day of school. It is the intent of the School Committee to schedule senior graduation as close as possible to the final day of school so as to minimize loss of instructional time and disruption to other students. School districts are not required to delay the date of graduation once it has been set or to keep seniors in school past the date of graduation.

Graduation day will be scheduled on the first or second Sunday in June, providing it is after the 168th day as originally scheduled on the first school calendar in accordance with the provisions of state law and providing it allows sufficient time to grade exams and to calculate final grades. Seniors must have a schedule which would provide nine hundred ninety (990) hours if they were in attendance for the full one hundred eighty (180) days of school, but they may be provided with fewer than the full 990 hours if the district elects to schedule early release and/or graduation.

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