

ISBE Public School Calendar 2020-2021 Guidance

New Public School calendar codes for 2020-2021:

1. XBRL – Blended Remote Learning Days - This code should be used when utilizing hybrid models of in-person and remote instruction. If the majority of the same students are engaged in learning both onsite and remotely on the same day, the day should be coded as “XBRL”. The same students must be receiving both types of instruction on the same day.
 - Counts toward the 176-day requirement
 - This is an attendance day
2. XRLD – Remote Learning Day - This code is used when the majority of students are provided instruction remotely via a district’s Remote Learning Plan.
 - Counts toward the 176-day requirement.
 - This is an attendance day
3. RPD – Blended and Remote Planning Day (full day) - Up to five (5) full days may be used and still count toward the 176 day requirement. These are days used for planning for Remote and Blended Learning.
 - Counts toward the 176-day requirement.
 - Limited to a combination of 5 full days.
 - This is not an attendance day
4. XRPH – Blended and Remote Planning Day (half day) - Up to five (5) full days may be used and still count toward the 176 day requirement. These are days used for planning for Remote and Blended Learning.
 - Counts toward the 176-day requirement.
 - Limited to a combination of 5 full days.
 - This is an attendance day.

New Holiday:

Public Act 101-0642 makes Nov. 3, 2020 “2020 General Election Day” a legal school holiday. A waiver request to hold school activities for this holiday cannot be honored.

Clarifications and Reminders:

1. Remote Learning Days, Remote and Blended Learning Planning Days and Blended Learning Day:
 - These days are only available under a Gubernatorial Disaster Declaration
 - In addition to five Remote Learning Planning Days, the school code still allows for 4 Teacher Institute days to be used per year. Time during these days could be used for planning as well.
2. Proposed, Amended and Final Calendars:
 - Proposed Calendars are required before the first day of classes. These should represent your plans for the year and should align with your local school board calendar plan.
 - Amended Calendars should be submitted any time there is a change to your calendar that changes it from what the approved Proposed Calendar planned to happen. We recommend submitting these within 30 days of the changes happening.
 - Final Calendars are required by the last day of school. These will reflect what actually happened throughout the entire school year. These calendars are critical for other systems that rely on this data for Average Daily Attendance, Claims calculations, etc. It is important to be timely with these calendars.

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3. Remote Learning Days vs. E-learning Days

- Remote Learning Days: A detailed breakdown along with recommendations can be found here <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Fall-2020-Learning-Rec.pdf>
- E-learning Days: Your ROE/ISC will have additional information on the requirements as these days are not allowed to be used without having a ROE/ISC approved plan. Here is a link to the law allowing and defining e-learning day requirements: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=010500050K10-20.56>

4. When to code remote learning days and blended remote learning days

- When a majority of students are engaged in learning on-site for a particular day, the day should be coded as on-site (“X”);
- When a majority of students are engaged in learning remotely for a particular day, the day should be coded as remote learning (“XRLD”);
- When a majority of the same students are engaged in learning both onsite and remotely on the same particular day, the day should be coded as (“XBRL”).