

## **RELEASED TIME FOR STUDENTS**

- 1.0 All District schools may schedule the equivalent of up to eight full released days each school year as follows:
  - 1.1 Three (3) of such days shall be scheduled for in-service training/professional development. Policy Council shall recommend specific days to be so scheduled in this manner.
  - 1.2 One (1) day shall be scheduled as an in common comp day. This will be the Monday prior to Thanksgiving.
  - 1.3 District high schools may schedule the equivalent of four (4) additional days, impacting no more than six (6) days in addition to those addressed in section 1.1 above. At least three (3) of these days shall be used to address needs identified through the building's shared decision making process.
  - 1.4 District elementary and middle schools will utilize the 4 in-common days to address the needs identified through the buildings' shared decision making processes. The same four (4) dates, as approved by the Superintendent, will be used by all elementary and middle schools.
- 2.0 Released days shall address improvement of student achievement, fiscal responsibility, school improvement, professional development, teacher work time, and meeting master agreement stipulations.
- 3.0 In scheduling specific days for released time, schools shall emphasize:
  - 3.1 Preference for full rather than half days of released time;
  - 3.2 Communication on an ongoing basis with parents about the scheduling and purpose of released days;
  - 3.3 The needs of communities served by schools;
  - 3.4 Opportunities to plan released days in common with other schools in the geographic cluster; and,
  - 3.5 Involvement of certified and classified staff, parents, and students as appropriate and other impacted units, including transportation and food services.
- 4.0 The Superintendent may schedule such additional released days as may be necessary to meet District/state program requirements.

### **LEGAL REFERENCES:**

C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(n)

### **CROSS REFERENCE:**

Policy: 1100