



Akron Public Schools (APS) manages school closures in accordance with Ohio law. A "calamity day" refers to any scheduled school day that is canceled due to hazardous conditions, such as severe weather (snow, ice, extreme cold, or flooding), power outages, or other unforeseen emergencies.

1. How many calamity days is APS allowed to use?

Under Ohio House Bill 59, there is no longer a specific limit on the number of "calamity days" a district can use. Districts are now required to meet a minimum number of instructional hours per school year rather than a set number of days.

2. What are the state-required minimum instructional hours?

According to the Ohio Revised Code, schools must meet the following minimum instructional hours:

- **Grades K–6:** 910 instructional hours
- **Grades 7–12:** 1,001 instructional hours

3. Do Akron Public Schools meet these requirements?

Yes. APS exceeds Ohio’s state required minimum instructional hours.

District Report (2025/2026)

Grade Level	Required Hours	APS Instructional Hours
Kindergarten	910	957
Grades 1-5	910	968
Grade 6	910	1,173
Grades 7-11	1001	1,173
Grade 12	1001	1,153

4. What happens if APS needs to add instructional time due to calamity days?

If the number of calamity days (converted to hours) used causes the district to fall below the state-mandated minimum hours, APS will implement the Board approved Alternate School Calendar. This calendar includes specific make-up days as follows:

- 1-6 days - Friday, May 29 through June 5, 2026
- 7-10 days - Week of June 15, 2026, excluding June 19
- 11-15 days - Week of March 30, 2026
- 17-21 days - Week of June 22, 2026

5. Where can I update my contact information to ensure I’m receiving the district “all call” messages?

A video with instructions for updating your contact information in Home Access Center can be found [here](#).