

- (iii) Veterans' Day;
- (iv) Columbus Day;
- (v) Arbor Day; and
- (vi) Any other day of national significance.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public schools, in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general election days:

- (i) Calvert;
- (ii) Caroline;
- (iii) Dorchester;
- (iv) Kent;
- (v) Talbot; and
- (vi) Worcester.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the State Board shall divide the school year into the terms it considers appropriate.

(e) (1) The county boards of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Howard, and Montgomery counties, and the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City, may elect to operate one or more schools within the county or Baltimore City on a year-round basis, provided that the 180 day and the minimum hour requirements under this section are met.

(2) Nothing in this section precludes a county board from conducting a year-round pilot study or program that is funded by the county board.

(F) PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Academic intervention programs" means academic programs with curriculum-based instruction that may take place:

- (i) Before school starts each day and after school ends each day;
- (ii) During the regular school day, provided there is no continual conflict with curriculum-based instruction;
- (iii) On weekends;
- (iv) On holidays;
- (v) During vacations; or