Legal Holidays - Minnesota law provides that no public business be conducted on legal holidays. Both holding school and having a school board meeting are considered "public business," so holding school on holidays is generally prohibited. The statute that provides for conducting school on certain holidays is Minn. Stat. § 120A.42.

Holiday	Date	Exception
New Year's Day	**January 1**. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding day (Friday). If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following day (Monday).	None
Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday	**Third Monday in January**	School can be conducted if a clause is inserted in the teachers' contract. At least one hour of the school program must be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day.
Presidents' Day (Washington and Lincoln's birthday observance)	**Third Monday in February**	School can be conducted if a clause is inserted in the teachers' contract. At least one hour of the school program must be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day.
Memorial Day	**Last Monday in May**	None
Independence Day	**July 4.** If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding day (Friday). If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following day (Monday).	None
Labor Day	**First Monday in September**	None
Christopher Columbus Day – *optional holiday*	**Second Monday in October**	In the absence of a Board resolution, Columbus Day is a holiday. If the Board adopts a resolution that this is not a holiday and inserts a clause to that effect in the teachers' contract, school can be conducted. If the Board determines it is a holiday (or takes no action), no public business may be conducted.
Veterans Day	**November 11.** If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding day (Friday). If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following day (Monday).	School can be conducted if a clause is inserted in the teachers' contract. At least one hour of the school program must be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day.
Thanksgiving Day	**Fourth Thursday in November**	None
Friday after Thanksgiving Day – *optional holiday*	**Friday after Thanksgiving Day**	If the Board determines by resolution this is a holiday, no public business may be conducted. In the absence of a resolution, this is not a holiday.
Christmas Day	**December 25.** If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding day (Friday). If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following day (Monday).	None
Constitution Day – *federal law requires educational institutions receiving federal funds to conduct an educational program on the U.S. Constitution on September 17.*	**September 17.** When September 17 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the educational program must be held the preceding or following week.	