

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 25, 2006

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Schmidt, Acting Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2007-08

ORIGINATOR: R. MacNeil, Executive Director

RESOURCE
STAFF: Lea Beeken, Mike Falk, Pat Langner

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2007-08 school year calendar be approved.

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The Recommended 2007-2008 School Year Calendar

The recommended 10-month school year calendar for the 2007-2008 school year is shown in Appendix I. This calendar designates the first day of instruction as Tuesday, September 4, 2007 and the last instructional day as Thursday, June 26, 2008. In order to provide sufficient instructional days to meet Alberta Education's mandates, it is recommended that one of the three Professional Development days available to teaching staff be taken prior to the start of instruction, in the August 29 to 31 timeframe.

Other highlights of the recommended 2007-2008 school year calendar include:

- Remembrance Day is on Sunday, November 11 and therefore will not lead to a non-operational day.
- The last instructional day prior to the Winter Recess is Friday, December 21, 2007. Staff and students return to school on January 7, 2008.
- Good Friday and Easter Monday occur prior to Spring Break.
- Teacher's Convention is designated to fall on February 28 and 29 (2008 is a leap year).
- The number of non-instructional operational days at the end of the year has been reduced to one day, allowing Monday, June 30th to be designated as a non-operational day.

Requirements of School Calendars

In constructing these calendars, the following requirements of Alberta Education have been met:

- Elementary and junior high school students must receive 950 hours of instruction per school year.

- Senior high school students must have access to 1000 hours of instruction per school year.
- Senior high school five credit courses require 125 hours of instruction and three credit courses require 62.5 hours of instruction. The number of instructional days available in each semester must be sufficient to meet this requirement for every course offered either as a quarter, semester or full-year course and must take into account Alberta Education diploma exam schedules.

The following criteria are also addressed:

- A full school week requires a minimum of 1520 minutes of instruction at the elementary and junior high school levels, or an average of 304 minutes per day. To meet the 950 hours of instruction for the year, at least 188 instructional days are required.
- Schools are able to declare up to three professional development days and one day-in-lieu. This requires that 192 possible instructional days are available in the calendar. In years when one professional development day is designated prior to the start of instruction, 191 possible instructional days must be made available.
- Two days at the end of February or early March are reserved for the Greater Edmonton Teacher's Convention.

Use of the 10-Month Calendar within the District

The 10-month calendars are used by all district 10-month schools, with the exception of Talmud Torah, where the calendar is modified to account for Jewish holidays. Three schools, Parkdale, Eastwood and Donnan, follow a modified 11-month calendar. All institutions with the exception of Kennedale follow the 10-month calendar, although summer programs are offered in some institutions. Kennedale follows a 12-month instructional calendar.

References

HCA.BR (under revision)

The *School Act* - Sections 39(1)(a), 39(1)(c), and 56(1) – (6)

The Guide to Education - ECS to Grade 9 Programming, Senior High School Programming

HCAB.AR – Remembrance Day

HD.BP – Instructional Time

HE.BP – Organization for Instruction

HEA.AR – Semester Changeover – Senior High Schools

G CBD.AR – Time in Recognition of Duties Related to Reporting Student Achievement

GLC.AR – School Professional Development Days



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2007-08

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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JULY

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	INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS = 191*
	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS = 3
	NON-OPERATIONAL DAYS
	START of YEAR = 3
	TOTAL DAYS = 197

* Instructional days may be reduced by 3 PD Days (one must be on Aug 29, Aug 30 or Aug 31) and one day-in-lieu.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007- 2008

2007-2008	Total Days	Instructional Days
August	3	0
September	19	19
October	22	22
November	22	22
December	15	15
January	19	19
February	20	18
March	18	18
April	18	18
May	21	21
June	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>197</u>	 <u>191</u> *

Labour Day	September 3
Thanksgiving	October 8
Remembrance Day	November 11 (Sunday)
Winter Recess	December 24 – January 4 inclusive
Family Day	February 18
Teachers' Convention	February 28-29
Good Friday	March 21
Easter Monday	March 24
Spring Recess	March 31 – April 4 inclusive
Victoria Day	May 19

First day of operation	August 29 (Wednesday)
First day of instruction	September 4 (Tuesday)
Last day of instruction	June 26 (Thursday)
Last day of operation	June 27 (Friday)

* Instructional days may be reduced by up to two school professional development days and one day-in-lieu. An additional professional development day will be taken prior to the first day of instruction.