

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2005 – 2006

ORIGINATOR: B. Holt, Executive Director Instructional and Curricular Support

RESOURCE

STAFF: Maryann Hammermeister, Mike Falk

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2005 - 2006 school year calendar (Appendix I) be approved.

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In response to concerns of the Board related to the late start of the Winter Recess in December, 2005, contact was made with the local ATA. The president of the local advised that generally teachers would prefer to teach up to and including December 23, rather than commencing the recess a week earlier. Appendix I contains the recommended 10-month school year calendar for 2005-2006.

In order to meet the minimum hours of instruction, it is necessary to start the school year prior to Labour Day. The first instructional day for the 2005-2006 school year is Thursday, September 1 and the last instructional day is Thursday, June 29. Even with the early start, an operational day at the end of the year has to be eliminated in order to meet the hours of instruction constraints.

The following requirements of Alberta Learning 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. Five credit courses require 125 hours and three credit courses require 62.5 hours.

The following criteria were also addressed:

- Given an average of 304 minutes of instruction per day, 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 made available in the calendar.
- Whenever possible, a total of four non-instructional operational days are provided, two at the beginning of the school year and two at the end of the year in order to facilitate school opening and closing activities.
- Two days at the end of February or early March are reserved for the Greater Edmonton Teacher's Convention.

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APPENDIX I - School Year Calendar 2005 – 2006

RECOMMENDED
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2005 - 2006

2005-2006	Total Days	Instructional Days
August	2	0
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	21	21
December	17	17
January	17	17
February	19	19
March	18	16
April	18	18
May	22	22
June	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	<u>197</u>	<u>192*</u>

Labour Day	September 5
Thanksgiving	October 10
Remembrance Day	November 11
Winter Recess	December 26 - January 6 inclusive
Family Day	February 20
Teachers' Convention	March 2 - 3
Spring Recess	March 27 - 31 inclusive
Good Friday	April 14
Easter Monday	April 17
Victoria Day	May 22
First day of operation	August 30
First day of instruction	September 1
Last day of instruction	June 29
Last day of operation	June 30

* Instructional days may be reduced by up to three school professional development days and one day-in-lieu.