

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 23, 2000

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2004 - 2005

ORIGINATOR: G. Reynolds, Department Head

RESOURCE

STAFF: Maryann Hammermeister, Simon van der Valk

RECOMMENDATION

That the school year calendar for 2004 - 2005 be approved (Appendix I).

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At the February 11, 1992 board meeting regulations respecting the school year calendar were approved (Appendix II). These regulations are designed to meet the Alberta Learning requirement for the board to provide elementary and junior high students 950 hours of instruction and high school students with 1,000 hours of instruction for the school year.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the 2004 - 2005 school year calendar (Appendix I) as required under section B, 1(b) of board regulation HCA.BR - School Year Calendar.

Features of the school calendar for the 2004 - 2005 school year are:

- Classes for students commence Monday, August 30, 2004
- Christmas recess is December 20, 2004 to December 31, 2004 inclusive
- Teachers Convention is tentatively scheduled for March 3 – 4, 2005
- Last day of classes is Tuesday, June 28, 2005
- Last day for teachers is Thursday, June 30, 2005

Appendix III provides a summary of the operational and instructional days, as well as the actual hours of instruction provided for the period 1993 - 94 to 2004 - 2005.

It should be noted in Appendix III that the district five year average for instructional hours has gradually fallen below the Alberta Learning requirement. In order to move back toward the 950 hours average a slightly longer school year is required in 2004 - 2005.

APPENDIX I - School Year Calendar 2004 - 2005
APPENDIX II - Board Regulation HCA.BR - School Year Calendar
APPENDIX III - Summary of Operational and Instructional Days

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2004 - 2005

2004-2005	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	4	2
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	21	21
December	13	13
January	21	21
February	19	19
March	18	16
April	20	20
May	21	21
June	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	<u>200</u>	<u>194</u> *

Labour Day	September 6
Thanksgiving	October 11
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Recess	December 20 – December 31 inclusive
Family Day	February 21
Teachers' Convention	March 3 - 4
Spring Recess	March 28 - April 1 inclusive
Good Friday	March 25
Easter Monday	March 27
Victoria Day	May 23

First day of operation	August 26
First day of instruction	August 30
Last day of instruction	June 28
Last day of operation	June 30

* The number of instructional days will be reduced by the number of school professional development days (maximum 2).

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS 1993-94 TO 2004-2005				
YEAR	TOTAL DAYS		INSTRUCTIONAL	INSTRUCTIONAL
	OPERATIONAL	INSTRUCTIONAL	L DAYS LESS P.D.*	L HOURS PER YEAR
1993-94	200	194	192	960
1994-95	200	194	192	960
1995-96	196	190	188	940
1996-97	196	192	190	950
1997-98	197	192	190	950
1998-99	198	192	190	950
1999-2000	200	194	192	960
2000 – 2001	196	190	188	940
2001 – 2002	197	191	189	945
2002 – 2003	195	191	189	945
2003 - 2004	197	191	189	945
2004-2005	200	194	192	960

* Total instructional days remaining after deduction of a maximum of two days for in-school professional development

Five year average for the period 1993-94 to 1997-98 is 950 hours of instructional time.
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 Five year average for the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000 is 950 hours of instructional time.
 Five year average for the period 1996-97 to 2000-2001 is 950 hours of instructional time.
 Five year average for the period 1997-98 to 2001-2002 is 949 hours of instructional time.
 Five year average for the period 1998-99 to 2002-2003 is 948 hours of instructional time.
 Five year average for the period 1999-00 to 2003-2004 is 947 hours of instructional time.
 Five year average for the period 2000-01 to 2004-2005 is 947 hours of instructional time.