

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 24, 2005

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: School Year Calendar 2006-07

ORIGINATOR: R. McNeil, Assistant to the Superintendent

RESOURCE
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RECOMMENDATION

That the 2006-07 ten month school year calendar (Appendix I) be approved.

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The recommended ten month school year calendar for 2006-07 is illustrated in Appendix I.

The Recommended 2006-2007 School Calendar

The first instructional day in the recommended 2006-2007 school year calendar is Tuesday, September 5th and the last instructional day is Thursday, June 28th. In order to meet the minimum hours of instruction mandated by Alberta Education, it is proposed that one of the three professional development days available to schools be taken prior to the first day of instruction. It is also proposed to shorten the number of non-instructional operational days at the end of the school year to one day. Without these two proposed changes, instruction would have to commence prior to Labour Day. Most other school districts contacted had either approved or were waiting approval on calendars in which the first day of instruction is identified as September 5th, 2006.

Other highlights of the 2006-2007 school year include:

- Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday
- The last instructional day before Winter Recess is Friday, December 22. Students return to school on January 8, 2007.
- Good Friday and Easter Monday do not overlap with Spring Recess.

Requirements of School Calendars

In constructing this calendar, 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.
- The hours of instruction must be met on an annual basis. Averaging over a five year period is not accepted by Alberta Education.

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 made available in the calendar.
- To facilitate school opening and closing activities, a total of four non-instructional operational days are required, two at the beginning of the school year and two at the end of the year. One of the non-instructional operational days at the end of the year may be converted to an instructional day if by doing so the start of the instructional year can be delayed until after Labour Day.
- 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. Four schools - Parkdale, Eastwood, Donnan, and L'Academie Vimy Ridge Academy - 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.

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PROPOSED

APPENDIX I



EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2006-07

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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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 reduced by 3 PD Days (one must be on Aug 30, Aug 31 or Sep 1) and one day-in-lieu.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2006- 2007

| 2006-2007 | Total Days | Instructional Days |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| August | 2 | |
| September | 20 | 19 |
| October | 21 | 21 |
| November | 22 | 22 |
| December | 16 | 16 |
| January | 18 | 18 |
| February | 19 | 19 |
| March | 17 | 15 |
| April | 19 | 19 |
| May | 22 | 22 |
| June | <u>21</u> | <u>20</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>197</u> | <u>191</u> * |

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| Labour Day | September 4 |
| Thanksgiving | October 9 |
| Remembrance Day | November 11 |
| Winter Recess | December 25 – January 5 inclusive |
| Family Day | February 19 |
| Teachers' Convention | March 1-2 |
| Spring Recess | March 26 – March 30 inclusive |
| Good Friday | April 6 |
| Easter Monday | April 9 |
| Victoria Day | May 21 |

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| First day of operation | August 30 |
| First day of instruction | September 5 |
| Last day of instruction | June 28 |
| Last day of operation | June 29 |

* 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.