

SCHOOL YEAR

Background

The Board annually approves Division school year calendar(s) based on the requirements of the School Act and the Guide to Education.

Procedures

1. The Board will establish, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, an official Division school calendar(s) for the ensuing school year not later than the first regular March meeting. Tentative calendars for future three (3) years may also be established.
2. Community, staff and neighbouring school jurisdictions input will be considered in establishing the calendar.
3. The calendar will include:
 - 3.1 The number of instructional days,
 - 3.2 The number of operational days,
 - 3.3 The holiday periods, and
 - 3.4 The school opening and closing dates.
4. Dates will be struck which are consistent with the following:
 - 4.1 Aim for what is best for student learning.
 - 4.2 When possible classes start after Labour Day.
 - 4.3 When possible retain provision for four (4) day weekends.
 - 4.4 When possible Christmas holidays at two (2) full weeks and three (3) full weekends.
 - 4.5 When possible Spring break will be tied to the Easter holidays.
 - 4.6 When possible provide at least two (2) operational days prior to the start of classes at the beginning of the school year.
 - 4.7 When possible appropriately balance semesters.
5. The Superintendent or designate will notify the Deputy Minister, prior to May 31 of each year, with regard to the Board approved calendar(s) for the upcoming school year.

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Reference: Section 18, 19, 33, 51, 52, 53, 60, 197, 205, 222 Education Act
Section 25 Employment Standards Code
Collective Agreement
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12