

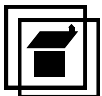
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The Superintendent, at the request of the Board of Education in an effort to maintain consistency on an annual basis, has established the following guidelines for the development of school year calendar:

1. Teachers, new to the district, will report for three (3) additional days of orientation, which may be scheduled the week before Labor Day (excluding Friday).
2. The first staff development day(s) will be held on either the Tuesday or Tuesday and Wednesday after Labor Day or during the week prior to Labor Day whenever possible.
3. The first day for pupils will be scheduled as soon as possible during the week immediately following Labor Day.
4. Schools will be closed for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur as determined by the Superintendent.
5. Schools will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays in November for the Teachers' Convention and for the Thanksgiving break.
6. Schools will be closed each year from Christmas Eve Day through January 1. The Superintendent may increase the length of the vacation by up to two days at his/her discretion.
7. In addition to the December break, the Superintendent will determine annually whether to have one or two weeklong breaks. His/Her decision will be based on when school begins in September, when holidays fall in the calendar, when State mandated testing is scheduled, and the need to have a minimum of 180 days for pupils and the contracted staff development days for staff.

Additionally, the Superintendent will keep in mind the Board's desire to end school as early as possible in June and to schedule a snow day for the Monday after Easter Sunday.

If the one week option is recommended to the Board of Education, there will be a four day weekend around Presidents' Day and a one week spring break in late March or early April.



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If the two week option is selected, a one week winter break will be scheduled in February during the week of Presidents' Day and a second weeklong break will be scheduled in late March or early April.

If possible, the spring break should not be scheduled during the week before Advanced Placement testing.

8. Schools will be closed on Presidents' Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day.
9. Schools will be closed on Martin Luther King Day for students. There may be a staff development day scheduled on that day.
10. The length of the school year for pupils will be 180 days. In addition, the dates for a minimum of three (3) inclement weather days will be determined, which will become school recess days if not used.
11. There will be 184 days for the professional staff, which will include four (4) staff development days. The Superintendent will determine the dates of the staff development days, except for the one or two days that are scheduled prior to the first day for students in September.
12. Staff development days will not be scheduled prior to September 1, but will be scheduled prior to Labor Day whenever practical. Additionally, if the Superintendent deems it necessary, two days following the last day for students may also be designated as staff development days.
13. As indicated above, the school calendar will include three (3) days for inclement weather or other emergencies. The calendar will also include additional days that will be designated as inclement weather/emergency closing make up days if more than three days are needed. Should school be in session on any of those days, staff members will not be granted personal days for vacations.
14. Whenever excessive weather or emergency conditions cause schools to be closed for more days than addressed in the school calendar, the Board will approve changes to the calendar as quickly as possible.

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