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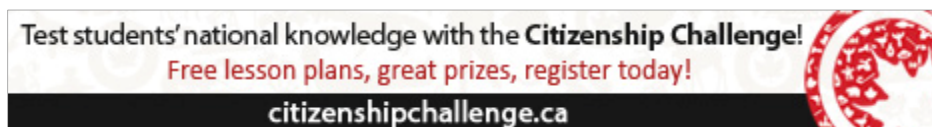
INTRODUCTION

This useful calendar conveniently summarizes all of the opening and closing dates for mid to large school boards in every province and territory in Canada. Since, in a number of jurisdictions, school boards are allowed considerable freedom in setting opening and closing dates for their schools, the first chart indicates whether or not the province sets the dates. If the dates are set by the local school board, those of large urban cities are also included. Explanatory notes from regulations and legislation are also included at the end of this document.

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SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
YUKON	Aug. 25**	Dec. 19**	Jan. 5**	March 13**	March 30**	June 15**	
Area 1 Schools	Aug. 25	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 30	June 15	2,137
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Beaufort Delta Education Council	Aug. 15/Sept. 2	Dec. 12/Dec. 18	Jan.5/Jan. 7	Varies	Varies	Varies	1,800
South Slave Divisional Education Council	Sept. 2*	Dec. 19*	Jan. 5*	March 30*	April 13*	June 26/29*	1,500
Yellowknife Catholic Schools	Aug. 26/27	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 30	June 24	1,400
Yellowknife Education District No. 1	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 30	June 26	1,864
NUNAVUT	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Qikiqtani School Operations	Each community has its own dates						4,375
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Each school district sets its own dates**						
Burnaby School District No. 41	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 6	March 23	June 25	24,163
Central Okanagan School District No. 23	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 30	June 25	21,500
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique	All schools have different opening and closing dates						5,048
Greater Victoria School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 6	March 23	June 25	19,500
Richmond School District	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 30	June 26	20,596
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 6	March 23	June 25	30,400
Surrey School District No. 36	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 6	March 23	June 26	69,600
Vancouver School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 6	March 23	June 25	55,582
ALBERTA	Schools have different opening and closing dates						
Calgary Board of Education	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 19	March 30	June 29	104,182
Calgary Catholic School District	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 26	51,000

SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord no. 2	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	Varies	Varies	June 25/26	2,800
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 7	June 26	37,468
Edmonton Public Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 19	April 7	June 26	86,000
Elk Island Public Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 26	April 7	June 26	16,400
Rocky View Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 26	19,435
SASKATCHEWAN	Sept. 2	Dec. 23 or earlier	Jan. 2 or later	Varies	Varies	June 30 or earlier	
Conseil des écoles fransaskoises	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 26	2,000
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (St. Paul's RCSSD #20)	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 25	16,000
Regina Public Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 26	20,755
Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 24	10,405
Saskatoon Public Schools	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 24/25	22,077
MANITOBA	Sept. 2 or later	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30 or earlier	
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 7	June 30	4,991
Louis Riel School Division	Sept. 3/4	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30	14,325
Pembina Trails School Division	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30	12,752
River East Transcona School Division	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30	16,425
Seven Oaks School Division	Sept. 2/3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30	10,662
Winnipeg School Division	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 27	April 6	June 30	33,364
ONTARIO	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 13	March 23	June 30	
Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE)	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13*	March 23*	June 30*	21,180
Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	9,371

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PROVINCE/TERRITORY	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 12	March 23	June 25	13,200
District School Board of Niagara	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 25/26	40,000
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	85,278
Durham District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 12	March 23	June 24/25	69,727
Halton District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 25	60,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 24/25	48,893
Ottawa Catholic School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 24/25	38,600
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 23/25	72,443
Peel District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	152,764
Simcoe County District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 24/25	50,000
Thames Valley District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 17/25	75,500
Toronto Catholic District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 25/26	92,000
Toronto District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 23/25	246,300
Waterloo Region District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 24/25	62,936
York Catholic District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	56,100
York Region District School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 24/25	120,000
QUEBEC	Varies	Dec. 19*	Jan. 5/6*	February 26/27*	March 9*	June 22/23*	
Commission scolaire de la Capitale	Aug. 29	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	February 26	March 9	June 23	26,546
Commission scolaire de Laval	Varies	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	49,274
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 28	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	86,758
Commission scolaire des Affluents	Aug. 27	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	35,000
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Aug. 28	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	52,000

SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
English Montreal School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	20,043
Lester B. Pearson School Board	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 27	March 9	June 23	25,000
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	Sept. 2*	Dec. 19*	Jan. 5*	February 27*	March 9*	June 23*	14,084
NEWFOUNDLAND	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 25	
District 5 - Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 25	361
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	April 2	April 13	June 25	67,000
NEW BRUNSWICK	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	February 28	March 9	June 19	
District scolaire francophone Sud	Each communities has its own dates						13,438
Anglophone East School District	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	February 27	March 9	June 19	15,743
Anglophone South School District	Sept. 2/3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	February 27	March 9	June 19	12,166
Anglophone West School District	Sept. 2	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	February 27	March 9	June 19	23,579
NOVA SCOTIA	Sept. 4*	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 30	
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 29	14,000
Cape Breton-Victoria	Sept. 4	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 30	13,700
Chignecto-Central Regional School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 30	22,823
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial	Sept. 4	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 30	5,136
Halifax Regional School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 30	48,608
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Sept. 4	Dec. 23	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	
Commission scolaire de langue française de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard	Sept. 4	Dec. 23	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	819
English Language School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 23	Jan. 5	March 13	March 23	June 26	19,400

N/A: Not available at the time of publication

+ Last day of school before closing

* With some exceptions

** See notes at the end of the calendar for more details

SPRING BREAK SUMMARY

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	SPRING BREAK (INCLUSIVE DATES)
YUKON	March 16 – 27
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Varies across the territory
NUNAVUT	Varies across the territory
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Varies across the province
ALBERTA	Varies across the province
SASKATCHEWAN	Varies across the province
MANITOBA	March 30 – April 3
ONTARIO	March 16 – 20
QUÉBEC	Varies across the province
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	April 5 – 9
NEW BRUNSWICK	March 2 – 6
NOVA SCOTIA	March 16 – 20
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	March 16 – 20

Note: The dates may vary across school boards.

PREScribed HOLIDAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 1	THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 13	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11	GOOD FRIDAY April 3	EASTER MONDAY APRIL 6	VICTORIA DAY** MAY 18	OTHER/NOTES
YUKON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	August 17, 2015 Discovery Day and Heritage Day (Feb. 27, 2015) are statutory holidays
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is a statutory holiday
NUNAVUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	½ day Hamlet days are set by the municipality
BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Family Day (Feb. 9) is a statutory holiday
ALBERTA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	Family day (Feb. 16) is a statutory holiday Easter Monday & Farmers' Day - Optional
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	✓	Family day (Feb. 16) is a statutory holiday
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	Louis Riel Day (Feb. 16) is a statutory holiday
ONTARIO	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Family Day (Feb. 16) is a statutory holiday
QUÉBEC	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	January 2 and St-Jean-Baptiste (June 24) are statutory holidays
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	There are two one day holidays: February 18 and March 16. This year November 10 will be a holiday.
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Heritage Day (Feb. 16) new statutory holiday
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Islander Day (Feb. 16) is a statutory holiday

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**For the province of Québec May 18 is National Patriots' Day (replaces Dollard Day)

INSTRUCTIONAL (TEACHING) DAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS
YUKON	5	21	21	19	15	20	19	12	20	20	11	-	183*
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	5	21	22	19	15	20	20	12	20	20	21	-	195*
NUNAVUT	Varies across the territory by local District Education Authority												195
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Varies across the province by school board												240*
ALBERTA	Varies across the province by school board												184*
SASKATCHEWAN	Varies across the province by school board												180/197*
MANITOBA	-	20	22	20	15	20	19	20	17	21	20	-	194
ONTARIO	-	21	22	19	15	20	19	20	19	20	22	-	197*
QUÉBEC	1	20	21	18	15	19	17	16	19	18	16	-	180*
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	-	20	22	18	15	20	19	21	16	20	19	-	190
NEW BRUNSWICK	-	21	21	19	15	20	20	17	19	18	15	-	185*
NOVA SCOTIA	-	21	22	19	15	20	19	17	20	20	22	-	195
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-	21	22	19	17	20	19	17	20	20	22	-	197

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EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	EDUCATION WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	Y	2 nd or 3 rd week of April	Theme TBA. Contact Community Relations and Engagement (867) 667-5222
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	February 23 – 27, 2015	Theme TBA
NUNAVUT	Y	September 29 – Oct. 3	Theme TBA
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	N/A	Theme TBA
ALBERTA	Y	May 4 – 8, 2015	Theme TBA
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	October 19 – 25	Theme TBA. Contact Kate Abel for further information at a later date (306) 787-0140, kate.abel@gov.sk.ca
MANITOBA	Y	April 13 – 17, 2015	Theme TBA
ONTARIO	Y	May 4 – 8, 2015	Theme TBA
QUÉBEC	N		
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	October 5 – 11	The theme is: I remember! I Learn!
NEW BRUNSWICK	N/A	N/A	
NOVA SCOTIA	Y	April 19 – 25, 2015	Theme TBA. For more information, contact the Nova Scotia School Boards Association (902) 491-2856.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Y	In November	Early Childhood Education Week

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	Y	May 8, 2015	Theme TBA. Contact Community Relations and Engagement (867) 667-5222
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	N/A	Northwest Territories Teachers' Association promotes the "Thank You for Making a Difference" campaign every year. They can be reached at (867) 873-8501 or nwtta@nwtta.nt.ca
NUNAVUT	N		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	N/A	
ALBERTA	N		However the province has an Excellence in Teaching Awards Program which recognizes outstanding Alberts teachers.
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	2 nd week of Feb.	The Saskatchewan Association of School Councils is responsible for the initiative. Contact rln.executivedirector@literacyhub.ca
MANITOBA	N		
ONTARIO	Y	Oct. 5	Does not observe Teacher Appreciation Week in May, but celebrates World Teacher's Day in October.
QUÉBEC	Y	First week of February	For information contact Joce-Lyne Biron (418) 643-2948, ext. 3012, or visit our web site at http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/dftps/ (Valorisation de la profession enseignante)
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	Feb. 8-14	Not a government/district event. Recently no specific theme generated by NL Federation of School councils. Contact info: 709-229-2094 / nlfsci@gmail.com
NEW BRUNSWICK	N/A	N/A	
NOVA SCOTIA	N		
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Y	Feb. 9-13	

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

Note: October 5th is the World Teachers' Day

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL FISCAL YEAR

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	START	END
YUKON	April 1	March 31
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	April 1	March 31
NUNAVUT	April 1	March 31
BRITISH COLUMBIA	July 1	June 30
ALBERTA	September 1	August 31
SASKATCHEWAN	September 1	August 31
MANITOBA	July 1	June 30
ONTARIO	September 1	August 31
QUÉBEC	April 1	March 31
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	July 1	June 30
NEW BRUNSWICK	April 1	March 31
NOVA SCOTIA	April 1	March 31
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	April 1	March 31

NOTES

YUKON

Schools in Whitehorse have the same start and finish dates and a two week Spring break. Schools outside Whitehorse have variable start and end dates and the choice of a one week or two week Spring break. This results in varying finish dates. Spring break must fall between March 16 and March 27, 2015.

There are 180 student days plus 6 non-instructional days. Three non-instructional days are set by the Department of Education and occur prior to the start of the school year. Three non-instructional days occur during the school year and are determined by School Councils and vary per school.

2a) These numbers are for Whitehorse schools only. Rural schools are not included due to variable start and end dates and Spring break duration.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

In the Northwest Territories the school year calendar varies for each school division and sometimes for each school within a division. The Calendar is determined by each Community Education Authority to fit with community customs and seasonal activities. Most calendars are similar to the traditional Canadian school calendar, with a start date in late August or early September and a closing date near the end of June. We do have select schools that start the year mid-August and finish mid-June. Most schools, however, begin classes during the last week of August or first week of September and conclude the school year the last week of June.

In addition to all the national statutory holidays, all our schools are closed for National Aboriginal Day on June 21. Education Authorities may also choose to recognize particular community holidays in their school calendar. Our Schools have 180-188 sessional days for students in all grades (depending on the calendar chosen) and teachers employed by the GNWT are on duty for 195 days. Teachers from the 2 Yellowknife Boards are on duty for 192 days in a year.

Kindergarten has 485 hours minimum/year for half-day kindergarten and 750 hours minimum/year for full-day kindergarten. The maximum length of day is 330 minutes per day. Grades 1-6 have 997 hours per year minimum with 330 minutes per day as maximum length of school day. Grades 7-12 have 1045 hours/year minimum with 345 minutes per day as maximum length of school day. There are an additional 45 hours to be scheduled outside the regular hours, for such things as cultural activities on the land, curricular related field trips, or parent/teacher/student interviews.



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NUNAVUT

All schools have different opening and closing dates. The territory is vast, and due to different geographical locations and longitudes—daylight & darkness—they have the flexibility of setting their own dates. Each community is empowered to choose a school year that falls within the rules established by the Minister but is unique to the community. School years are established by the District Education Authorities (DEA) in each community.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

All 60 BC school districts set a local district calendar based on minimum standards. Dates vary between school districts and may in fact vary between schools within a district.

School districts in BC have the ability to set local school calendars across the calendar year so long as minimum hours of instruction are met. There are no “bookends” to the school year. All of the standard holidays listed are observed by all BC school districts.

ALBERTA

In Alberta, the school year generally runs from September to June with minor variations within some school jurisdictions. Most schools are closed in July and August, and for various periods of time during the winter/Christmas and spring/Easter breaks. Each local school board sets its own opening and closing dates, as well as the number of operating days, keeping in mind the following legislative requirements: a vacation period that extends from at least from December 24 to January 2. Boards are required to provide 950 hours of instruction for elementary and junior high school students, and 1,000 hours of instruction for senior high school students. The *School Act* states that a board may not require a teacher to instruct students for more than 1,100 hours in a school year or for more than 200 days in a school year unless the teacher agrees. Thus the number of working days possible for teachers is variable each month.

The inclusion of the spring and Christmas breaks, board-declared holidays, two days for teachers' conventions and various other provincial and federal holidays bring the number of instructional days down to an average of 184. A board may declare one day per month to be a school holiday. Statutory holidays are observed by all boards. Family Day is a statutory holiday in Alberta, and is observed on the third Monday in February. Easter Monday and Farmers' Day may be observed at the discretion of the local school board.



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SASKATCHEWAN

Opening and closing dates are determined by boards of education which may vary by school division: a) For the Fall term opening date, Section 163 of *the Education Act, 1995* cites the earliest day a board of education or the conseil scolaire may set as the first instructional day is the first day following Labour Day; b) For the Christmas holiday, Section 20.3 of the *Education Regulations, 1986* cites it must commence no later than December 23 and not end earlier than January 2; c) For Spring Break, however, per section 20.3 of the *Education Regulations, 1986* a spring vacation should not consist of more than five consecutive school days; f) Per section 163 of the *Education Act, 1995*, the last instructional day in a school year is June 30.

Legislative and regulatory amendments were enacted January 1, 2013 to implement changes to the school year including the new requirement for 950 hours of instructional time. The Act states a school year consists of 200 school days; however, the minister may shorten the school year at any time. The school year was set a 197 days for many years. It is now in a more flexible manner with a range of days.

The number of instructional days varies as school boards are responsible for setting their own calendars. The range of school days in the 2014-2015 school year is 181-197 for those schools that operate on a five day week calendar and 180-186 days for schools that operate on a four day or alternative five week calendar.

- Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday but may be encompassed in the spring vacation period following Good Friday.
- When Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the Monday following that day is to be observed as a school holiday. Family Day is observed on the third Monday in February.
- A Holiday declared by the mayor of a city, town or village or the reeve of a rural municipality in which a school is situated is not a school holiday unless the board of education or conseil scolaire declares it to be.
- Notwithstanding subsection (1), one or more Saturdays may be declared to be school days by resolution of the board of education or conseil scolaire.



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MANITOBA

The 2014-2015 school year must consist of 197 days and may begin no earlier than September 2, 2014. School boards may set the opening and closing dates for the school year. The Christmas vacation period is to begin no later than December 23, 2014 or earlier as determined by the school board, and extend to January 2, 2015 inclusive, or later as determined by the school board. For the 2014-2015 school year, all divisions will be closed for the Christmas vacation period from December 19, 2014 until January 5, 2015.

The number of school days in February is shortened by one day due to the establishment in 2008 of a new provincial statutory holiday on the third Monday of February each year (February 16, 2015). The spring vacation will be one week beginning the last Monday in March (March 30 to April 3, 2015 inclusive). School boards may add to, but not delete from, statutory holidays and spring break as long as the 197 school days requirement is met. The last day of classes must be no later than June 30, 2015.

By regulation, up to 10 days in a school year are dedicated for non-instructional purposes (teacher in-service, parent-teacher conferences, pupil evaluation, and administration). For 2014-15, then, the number of instructional days for teachers would be 187. However, as the dates for non-instructional days are determined by each school division and will vary from division to division. The chart of instructional days simply sets out the number of available school days (as opposed to instructional days) in each month.

ONTARIO

Please note that the above dates are for most students. There are a number of exceptions.

Boards have the option of submitting a regular school year calendar or a modified school year calendar. With a regular school year calendar, the school year begins on or after September 1 and ends on or before June 30, with a minimum of 194 school days between the beginning and end of the school year. A board may designate up to ten instructional days as examination days. Of the 194 school days, a maximum of 6 are designated as Professional Activity Days that are dispersed throughout the school year on days determined each school board.

However, boards may choose to submit a modified school year calendar to the Minister for approval. A modified school year calendar is characterized by one of the following: an earlier or later start or end date than the regular school calendar; school holidays that differ from the regular school year calendar; or differences in the format of the regular school year calendar, such as a year-round school calendar with a shortened summer vacation, and holidays dispersed throughout the year.

Boards may request a modified school year calendar which could include instructional days in July or August.

There are 20 days available in August 2014 and 22 days available in July 2015.

QUÉBEC

The number of work days for teachers is a maximum of 200 days spread between September 1st and June 30th. A school board and a union can agree to change the beginning and end dates of the school year. However, they cannot change the number of days under any circumstances. Each school board negotiates the distribution of working days within the civil calendar, without altering the number of work days or the period covered by the work year. As a rule, the school year never goes over June 30th, but can start before September.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates, and the total number of instructional days. Boards determine the school calendar.

The information provided is for the new English board, which includes approximately 99% of the student population of the province. The total number of instructional days is 190. There are also 2 administration days for teachers.

This year November 10, 2014 will be a holiday.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The length of the school year is 195 days, comprised of: 185 instructional days for students, 1 day for NBTA/AEFNB Branch Meetings, 3 Subject Council Days, 4 District Administration Days, and 2 days for pedagogical activities focused on curriculum. School Districts will also schedule two days as a combination of parent teacher meetings and professional development activities during the instructional year (one full day in the fall and one full day in the spring).

School calendar is established by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development under Regulation of Education Act. School districts only have authority to schedule non-instructional days where it is specifically granted by the Minister (1 day for NBTA/AEFNB Branch Meetings, 2 days for Pedagogical Focused on Curriculum and 2 days for Administrative Days and Professional Development Activities).

NOTES (continued)

NOVA SCOTIA

The school calendar is set by the province and applies to all school boards. Of the 195-day school year, no more than eight days may be used for organizational and administrative purposes, or for in-service training programs. All teachers must be present on the days used for organizational and administrative purposes or in-service training programs, but pupils are not required to be present. When the 195th day in any year falls on a Monday, a board may declare that it will be observed on the Saturday immediately preceding the Monday.

Heritage Day is February 16, 2015. This is a new statutory holiday effective in 2015.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The regulations set a total of 195 to 197 days to be used in each school year including an orientation day for teachers at the start of the school year, professional development days and up to three days that may be used for end of school year activities. The regulations also provide for a school board-wide professional development day between the first and the second high school semesters and allow two days for parent-teacher interviews. A school board may give approval to a school to carry out a professional development program for one-half of any day designated for parent-teacher interviews. The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development may vary the calendar for a school or school board upon application by a school board.
