



# THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## INTRODUCTION

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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 <sup>+</sup>	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING <sup>+</sup>	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING <sup>+</sup>	ENROLLMENT (2017-2018)
<b>YUKON</b>	Aug. 21 or 22	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	March 8	March 25	June 13 or 14	
Area 1 Schools	Aug. 21 or 22	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	March 8	March 25	June 13 or 14	5,386
Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 22	Dec. 20	Jan. 8	March 8	March 25	June 13	299
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Beaufort Delta Education Council	Sept. 4*	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 12*	March 25*	June 27	1,800
Sahtu Divisional Education Council <sup>(M)</sup>	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	636
South Slave Divisional Education Council <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29, 31 or Sept. 1	Dec. 14, 17, 20 or 21	Jan. 2, 4, 8, 9 or 10	March 14, 15, 18 or 25	Apr. 3, 4 or 10	June 26, 27 or 28	1,295
Yellowknife Catholic Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 26 or 27	1,325
Yellowknife Education District No. 1	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	March 14	April 1	June 28	1,870
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Qikiqtani School Operations	Each community has its own dates						4,375
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	Each school district sets its own dates**						
Burnaby School District No. 41 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	25,027
Central Okanagan School District No. 23 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	22,344
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	5,700
Delta School District No. 37 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	16,273
Greater Victoria School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	20,148
Langley School District No. 35 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	21,547
Richmond School District	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	20,791
School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	430
School District No. 28 (Quesnel) <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	2,969
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	32,567
School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	March 25	June 27	1,979

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School District No. 72 (Campbell River) <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 21	April 2	June 27	5,328
School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 8	June 27	4,304
Surrey Schools <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	72,051
Vancouver School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	51,316
West Vancouver School District No. 45 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 27	7,343
<b>ALBERTA</b>	Schools have different opening and closing dates						
Buffalo Trail Public Schools Regional Division No. 28 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	4,092
Calgary Board of Education	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 10	March 21	April 8	June 27	121,382
Calgary Catholic School District <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	55,234
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord no. 2	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7*	Varies	Varies	June 27	3,448
Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest No 1 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 21 or 22	April 1	June 26/27	463
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 28	42,375
Edmonton Public Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	99,382
Elk Island Public Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 21	April 1	June 27	17,055
Foothills School Division No. 38 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	8,037
Fort McMurray Catholic Board of Education <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	April 11	April 23	June 27	6,113
Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	4,506
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	Varies	June 27	5,010
Lloydminster Public School Division No. 99 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	2,909
Northland School Division No. 61 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 29	April 8	June 27	2,569
Parkland School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	11,053
Rocky View Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	23,744



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<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Sept. 4	Dec. 23 or earlier	Jan. 2 or later	Varies	Varies	June 30 or earlier	
Conseil des écoles fransaskoises	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 26	1,672
Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 26	8,401
Regina Public Schools	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	22,917
Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 26/27	11,449
Saskatoon Public Schools <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 26	24,804
St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 20 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	17,618
Sun West School Division No. 207 <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 26	5,346
<b>MANITOBA</b>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	5,608
Evergreen School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	1,443
Lord Selkirk School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 6 or 7	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	4,021
Louis Riel School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	15,020
Mountain View School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	3,055
Pembina Trails School Division	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	13,920
River East Transcona School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	16,420
Seine River School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 21	April 1	June 27	4,385
Seven Oaks School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4 or 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	11,511
St. James-Assiniboia School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 7	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 25/27	8,430
Sunrise School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 27	4,555
Winnipeg School Division <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 28	31,109
<b>ONTARIO</b>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	
Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	4,547

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Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 28*	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1 or 8	March 18	June 20 or 27	23,178
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 7	March 18	June 27	16,500
Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	9,987
Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 20	10,110
Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales <sup>(M)</sup>	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	700
Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	2,398
District School Board of Niagara	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26	36,895
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	80,377
Durham District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 7	March 18	June 26 or 27	69,690
Halton District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27 or 28	62,959
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26 or 27	49,218
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 7	March 18	June 28	2,725
Ottawa Catholic School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26 or 27	42,225
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 25 or 27	73,380
Peel District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	154,610
Rainy River District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	2,767
Renfrew County Catholic District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	4,800
Simcoe County District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26 or 27	51,218
Sudbury Catholic District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	6,000
Thames Valley District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	82,596

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Toronto Catholic District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	91,360
Toronto District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 25 or 27	246,617
Upper Canada District School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 27	27,233
Waterloo Region District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26 or 27	64,130
York Catholic District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 28	53,733
York Region District School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 8	March 18	June 26/27	124,775
<b>QUEBEC</b>	Each school district sets its own dates**						
Central Québec School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	6,900
Commission scolaire de la Beauce- Etchemin <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 12	June 21	17,204
Commission scolaire de la Capitale	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	28,500
Commission scolaire de Laval	Aug. 28	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	40,642
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 27	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 20	74,342
Commission scolaire des Affluents	Aug. 28	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	34,078
Commission scolaire des Hautes-Rivières <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	17,442
Commission scolaire des Sommets <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 27	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 12	June 21	7,872
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	45,312
Commission scolaire René-Lévesque <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 22	4,547
Cree School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	4,463
Eastern Townships School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 12	June 21	5,765
English Montreal School Board	Aug. 28	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	18,879
Lester B. Pearson School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	25,000
New Frontiers School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 29	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	5,000
Riverside School Board <sup>(M)</sup>	Aug. 30	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	8,640

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	Aug. 30*	Dec. 21*	Jan. 7*	March 1*	March 11*	June 21*	26,548
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR</b>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	April 18	April 29	June 27	
District 5 - Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	350
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	April 18	April 29	June 27	65,051
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7*	March 1	March 11	June 21	
District scolaire francophone Sud	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 1	March 11	June 21	14,065
Anglophone East School District <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	15,624
Anglophone South School District	Sept. 4/5/6	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	22,969
Anglophone West School District	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	March 1	March 11	June 21	22,901
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	Sept. 4	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	
Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education	Sept. 5/6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	13,099
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional Centre for Education	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	12,584
Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	19,880
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	5,877
Halifax Regional Centre for Education <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 28	49,069
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 26	
La Commission scolaire de langue française <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 26	936
Public Schools Branch <sup>(M)</sup>	Sept. 6	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	March 15	March 25	June 26	19,250

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 <sup>(M)</sup> EdCan Network/CEA Member





## SPRING BREAK SUMMARY

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	SPRING BREAK (INCLUSIVE DATES)
YUKON	March 8 – March 25
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 22 – April 1
ONTARIO	March 8 – 18
QUÉBEC	Varies across the province
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	April 18 – 29
NEW BRUNSWICK	March 1 – 11
NOVA SCOTIA	March 15 – 25
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	March 15 – March 25

Note: The dates may vary across school boards.



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## PREScribed HOLIDAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 3	THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 8	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11	GOOD FRIDAY April 19	EASTER MONDAY April 22	VICTORIA DAY** MAY 20**	OTHER/NOTES
YUKON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Discovery Day (August 20, 2018), Heritage Day (February 22, 2019) and National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21) are statutory holidays.
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21) is a statutory holiday.*
NUNAVUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Each community has a hamlet day. Dates vary.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	X*	✓	Family Day (February 18, 2018) is a statutory holiday.
ALBERTA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Family Day is a statutory holiday and is observed on the third Monday in February.*
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Family day (February 18, 2019) is a statutory holiday.
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	Louis Riel Day (February 18, 2019) is a statutory holiday.
ONTARIO	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Family Day (February 18, 2019) is a statutory holiday. It occurs each year on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in February.
QUÉBEC	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	St-Jean-Baptiste (June 24) is a statutory holiday.
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	February 18 <sup>th</sup> is Family Day.
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Heritage Day (February 18, 2019) is a statutory holiday.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Islander Day (February 18, 2019) is a statutory holiday.

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

\*\*For the province of Québec May 20 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	9	19	22	21	14	19	19	11	20	22	10	-	186
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	11	19	22	21	15	22	20	21	20	22	19	-	212*
NUNAVUT	Varies across the territory by local District Education Authority												195
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Varies across the province by school board												240*
ALBERTA**	-	16	15	14	10	14	14	11	9	16	17	-	136*
SASKATCHEWAN	Varies across the province by school board												189 – 197*
MANITOBA	-	19	22	22	15	19	19	16	21	22	20	-	195
ONTARIO	-	19	22	22	15	19	19	16	20	22	20	-	194
QUÉBEC	Varies across the province by school board												180*
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	-	18	20	21	15	21	20	23	14	22	16	-	190
NEW BRUNSWICK **	4	20	21	21	16	18	19	16	20	22	18	-	195
NOVA SCOTIA	-	19	22	21	15	21	19	16	20	22	20	-	195
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-	19	22	21	15	21	19	16	20	22	20	-	195

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\*\* Information not available at time of publication. Last year's numbers are repeated.

## EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	EDUCATION WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	N		
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	Last full week of February	Theme TBA
NUNAVUT	Y	TBA	Theme TBA Education week coincides with World Teacher Day.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	TBA	Theme TBA. Usually one week in spring.
ALBERTA	Y	April 29-May 3, 2019	Learning Is A Journey Contact: Alberta Education, Communications Branch, (780) 422-4495
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	October 14 -20, 2018	Theme is Education Week is A World of Learning for Every Student. Contact: Stephanie Ali, Communications and Sector Relations Branch, (306) 787-6304 or stephanie.ali@gov.sk.ca
MANITOBA	Y	April 15 – 19, 2019	Contact: Manitoba Teachers' Society (www.mbteach.org)
ONTARIO	Y	May 6 – 10, 2018	Theme TBA
QUÉBEC	N		
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	February 3-9, 2019	Contact: Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, (709) 726-3223 or mail@nlta.nl.ca
NEW BRUNSWICK	N/A	N/A	
NOVA SCOTIA	Y	April 15-19, 2019	Theme TBA
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	N/A	N/A	

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	Y	October 5, 2019	World Teachers Day, October 5 will be observed, including a tribute in the Legislature.
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	Last full week in February	"Thank You for Making a Difference" Campaign sponsored by the Northwest Territories Teacher Association (NWTTA) ( <a href="http://www.nwtta.nt.ca">www.nwtta.nt.ca</a> ).
NUNAVUT	N		
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	N/A	This is up to each district how they observe this day.
ALBERTA	Y	April 29-May 3	The celebration of teachers is part of many Education Week activities. Contact information: Alberta Education, Teaching Excellence Branch 1-866-590-1660 or <a href="mailto:edc.excellenceinteaching@gov.ab.ca">edc.excellenceinteaching@gov.ab.ca</a>
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	February 10-16, 2019	Theme TBA Contact information: Stephanie Ali, Communications and Sector Relations Branch, (306) 787-6304 or <a href="mailto:stephanie.ali@gov.sk.ca">stephanie.ali@gov.sk.ca</a> .
MANITOBA	Y	N/A	Contact: Manitoba Teachers' Society ( <a href="http://www.mbteach.org">www.mbteach.org</a> )
ONTARIO	N		The Province of Ontario does not formally observe a Teacher Appreciation Day or week.
QUÉBEC	N		
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	N/A TBC	Contact: Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils, 1-877-739-4830 or <a href="mailto:nlfsci@gmail.com">nlfsci@gmail.com</a>
NEW BRUNSWICK	Y	TBA	
NOVA SCOTIA	N		
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	N/A	N/A	

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced



## 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	April 1	March 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

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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 for all Yukon schools falls between March 11 and March 22, 2018. Again, there is some flexibility to allow school calendars to fit communities' needs.

The list above reflects the most common Yukon school calendar. For all schools, there are 173-180 student days plus 6 non-instructional days. Three staff training days are set by the Department of Education. Three non-instructional days are determined by School Councils in collaboration with schools administrators. These vary per school.

Yukon has three additional statutory holidays. August 20, 2018 is Discovery Day. February 22, 2019 is Heritage Day and June 21 is Aboriginal Day.

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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In the Northwest Territories (NWT), the school year calendar varies for each education division and sometimes for each school within a division. The calendar is determined by each community's elected District Education Authority (DEA) to accommodate community customs and seasonal activities. Most NWT school 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. Some NWT schools begin mid-August and finish mid-June. Spring breaks are often two weeks in length during the months of March or April, and sometimes May. The dates vary by school and/or region.

In addition to all the national statutory holidays, all 49 NWT schools are closed for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 (or the next weekday following June 21st if it falls on a weekend). Education authorities may also choose to recognize particular community holidays in their school calendar (winter festivals or self-government celebrations).

NWT schools have about 172 sessional days for students in all grades (dependent on the community's school calendar) and teachers employed by the GNWT are on duty for 195 days. Teachers from the two education authorities in Yellowknife are on duty for 192 days in each year.

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten are offered by all schools, with a minimum of 485 instructional hours per academic year. Grades 1-12 have a minimum of 945 instructional hours per year. Grades 1-6 have a maximum length of 330 minutes per school day, and Grades 7-12 have a maximum of 345 minutes per school day.

## NOTES (continued)

### NUNAVUT

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The first school to open for classes opens August 15, 2018 and the last school to open for classes opens on September 6, 2018. The last day of student classes ranges from May 30, 2019 to June 27, 2019.

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.

Section 86 of the Education Act stipulates that “any day under the Public Service Act is a holiday for that part of the public that includes teachers, is a holiday for schools.”

Section 27(1)(m) of the Public Service act allows” any other day or part of a day fixed by order of the Minister as a holiday for all or part of the public service.”

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

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For 58 school districts, the last day for students is December 21, 2018. There are two school districts who differ with December 19 and December 20, 2018, being the last day for students.

48 of 60 school districts Spring Break from March 18 to 29, 2019. The remaining districts Spring Break start dates vary from March 11, March 22 and March 25, 2019.

School reopens on April 1, 2019 for all districts.

For most, June 27, 2019 is the last scheduled day. This varies though as some end on June 26 and June 28, 2019 and one district's last scheduled day is June 19, 2019.

Number of possible instructional days for teachers - in the 2018/19 school year, these occur in every month of the school year. The numbers vary from six to ten days in the year. The average is eight.

## NOTES (continued)

All 60 British Columbia 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 have the ability to set local school calendars across the calendar year so long as minimum hour of instruction are met. There are no "bookends" to the school year. All of the standard holidays are observed by all British Columbia school districts.

In addition, British Columbia observes Family Day. It is a statutory holiday observed on the third Monday in February for 2019 it will be on February 18th.

### ALBERTA

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*(Information was not available at time of publication. Last year's notes are repeated.)*

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. However, some boards have a small number of schools that operate on a modified calendar, with the school year commencing in August and ending in June, with longer breaks coinciding with winter/Christmas, spring/Easter, and long weekends.

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 December 24 to January 2
- access to a minimum of 950 hours of instruction for elementary and junior high school students
- access to a minimum of 1,000 hours of instruction for senior high school students.

Alberta Education's fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31. The fiscal year for school jurisdictions is September 1 - August 31. Provincial school funding follows the provisions and requirements set out in the annual Funding Manual for School Authorities, which aligns with the traditional school year and took effect on September 1, 2016.



## NOTES (continued)

The number of working days possible for teachers varies among school jurisdictions and may also vary from school to school within each jurisdiction. 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. July is the only month in which teachers in all public and separate school jurisdictions do not teach.

Statutory holidays are observed by all boards (i.e. Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Good Friday and Victoria Day). In addition, a board may declare one day per month to be a school holiday. 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.

Taking into account the above holidays, modified school years, Christmas and spring breaks, teachers' conventions, professional development, parent-teacher interviews, and organizational days, the average number of instructional days is approximately 180.

### SASKATCHEWAN

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Opening, closing and vacation 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 that for any school year in which Labour Day occurs on or after September 5, the minister may, by order, set a date in September that is earlier than Labour Day as the first instructional day for the school year. In years when Labour Day occurs prior to September 5, the earliest day that may be set as the first instructional day in a school year is the first day following Labour Day; (b) For the Christmas holiday, Section 24 of *The Education Regulations, 2015* cites it must commence no later than December 23 and not end earlier than January 2; (c) For Spring Break, Section 24 of *The Education Regulations, 2015* outlines that a spring vacation should not consist of more than five consecutive school days; (d) Per Section 163 of *The Education Act, 1995* the latest day that may be set as 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, by order, shorten the school year at any time. The school year was set at 197 days for many years, however, it is now set 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 2018-2019 school year are 189-197 for those schools that operate on a five day week calendar and 183-187 days for schools that operate on a four day or alternative calendar. In 2018-2019, the average instructional hours are approximately 957 hours which is consistent with the legislative requirement of 950 hours.



## NOTES (continued)

- 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.

### MANITOBA

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The 2018-2019 school year must consist of 195 days and can begin no earlier than the first Tuesday following Labour Day (September 4, 2018). School boards may set the dates students begin classes and the last day students will attend classes. The Christmas vacation period is to begin no later than December 23, 2018 or earlier as determined by the school board, and extend to January 2, 2019 inclusive, or later as determined by the school board. For the 2018-2019 school year, all divisions will be closed for the Christmas vacation period from December 22, 2018 until January 6, 2019 inclusive.

The number of school days in February is shortened by one day due to the establishment in 2008 of a provincial statutory holiday (“Louis Riel Day”) on the third Monday of February each year (February 18, 2019). The vacation will be one week beginning the last Monday in March (March 25 to March 29, 2019 inclusive). School boards may add to, but not delete from, statutory holidays and spring break as long as the 195 school days requirement is met. The last day of classes must be no later than June 28, 2019.

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 2018-2019, then, the number of instructional days for teachers would be 185. 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.

## NOTES (continued)

### ONTARIO

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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 1st and ends on or before June 30th, 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 7 are designated as professional activity days that are dispersed throughout the school year on days determined by each school board.

Boards may choose to submit for approval, a modified school year calendar. 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.

The 2018-19 regular school calendar provides 196 possible school days between September 1st, 2018 and June 30th, 2019. Legislation requires that the school year include a minimum of 194 school days. Of the 194 school days, 3 days are to be designated as professional activity days devoted to provincial priorities. Boards may allow up to 4 additional discretionary professional activity days. The remaining 187 days are designated as instructional days.

Boards may request a modified school year calendar that could include instructional days in July and/or August as well as modified board designated holidays.

### QUÉBEC

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According to section 238 of the *Education Act*, referred to as the Act, "Every school board shall establish the school calendar of its schools, taking into account the provisions of the basic school regulation."

Section 16 of the *Basic school regulation for preschool, elementary and secondary education*, referred to as the Regulation (this regulation was adopted by the government), reads as follows: "The school calendar for students shall consist of the equivalent of a maximum of 200 days, at least 180 of which must be devoted to educational services." Paragraph 2 of this section allows for an adjustment to this time, solely at the preschool level, in the case of students with handicaps and those living in low-income areas.

## NOTES (continued)

Finally, paragraph 1 of section 13 in the Act provides the following definition of school year: "the words 'school year' mean the period commencing on July 1 in a year and ending on June 30 in the year following [...]."

Consequently, Quebec's 72 school boards do not share a common school calendar because each one can, under the province's laws and regulations, choose to adopt the calendar that suits it. However, these calendars are not exempt from the requirement of providing students with 180 days of educational services, services that are discussed in sections 1 and 2 of the Regulation.

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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, one in September and one in June.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

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*(Information was not available at time of publication. Last year's notes are repeated.)*

The length of the school year is 195 days for teachers. Within the 195 days there are days during which teachers are engaged in professional development activities, subject councils, administration relating to the opening and closing of schools and parent-teacher interviews when students are not present. For the 2017-18 school year there is 1 day for NBTA/AEFNB Branch Meetings, 3 Subject Council Days, 9 District Administration Days, 2 days for pedagogical activities focused on curriculum and 2 days for a combination of parent teacher meetings and professional development activities. There is also 1 day approved by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for schools to work on their school improvement plans. Article 36.01 within the Teachers Collective Agreement speaks to many of these days.

## NOTES (continued)

### NOVA SCOTIA

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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, and parent-teacher meetings.

Heritage Day is February 18, 2019.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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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 two days for parent-teacher interviews. An education authority 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, Early Learning and Culture may vary the calendar for a school or school board upon application by an education authority. Five professional days are negotiated into the Memorandum of Agreement with the PEI Teachers' Federation.