

TERRITORY / PROVINCE	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER CLOSING	SPRING TERM OPENING	SPRING CLOSING	SPRING REOPENING	SUMMER CLOSING
<b>YUKON TERRITORY</b>	Aug. 17 to Sept. 7	Local Decision	Local Decision	Local Decision	Local Decision	May 28 to June 24
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	Local DEA Decision	Local DEA Decision	Local DEA Decision	Local DEA Decision	Local DEA Decision	Local DEA Decision
Yellowknife	Aug. 27 teachers Aug. 30 pupils	Dec.22	Jan. 4	Mar.03	Mar. 20	June 28
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	Not available					
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	Sept.7	Dec.17	Jan. 4	Mar. 17	Mar. 27	June 30
<b>ALBERTA</b>	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision
Calgary Public	Aug. 30 teachers Sept. 2 pupils	Dec. 17	Jan. 5	Mar. 24	Apr. 03	June 30
Calgary Catholic	Aug. 30 teachers Sept.1 pupils	Dec. 17	Jan. 4	Apr. 20	May 1	June 30 teacher June 28 pupils
Edmonton Public	Aug. 26 teachers Aug. 30 pupils	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	June 31 teachers June 31 pupils
Edmonton Catholic	Aug. 26 teachers Aug. 30 pupils	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Mar. 24	Apr. 3	June 30
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Board Decision	No later than Dec. 22	Not before Jan. 3	Apr. 20	May 1	Board Decision
Regina Public	Aug. 25 teachers Aug. 30 pupils	Dec. 22	Jan. 10	Apr. 20	May 1	June 30 teachers June 28 pupils
Regina Catholic	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Saskatoon Public	Aug. 26 teachers Aug. 30 e pupils Sept. 01 s pupils	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	Apr. 20 (mid-term break: Feb. 23-25 incl.)	01-May	June 30 teachers June 28 pupils
Saskatoon Catholic	Aug. 12 e teachers Aug. 17 e pupils Aug. 11 s teachers Aug. 12 s pupils	Dec. 21 e. Dec. 22 s.	Jan. 5 e. Jan. 7 s.	Mar. 24 (mid-term break: Feb. 23-25 incl.)	Apr. 21-28	June 16 e. June 15 s.
<b>MANITOBA</b>	Board Decision	not available	not available	Mar.26	Apr. 3	Board Decision
Winnipeg	Aug.30 teachers Aug. 31 pupils	Dec.17	Jan. 3	Mar. 24	Apr. 3	June 30
<b>ONTARIO</b>	Board Decision	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	not available
Toronto District	Sept.7	Dec. 24	Jan.10	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	June 29 students June 30 teachers
Toronto Catholic	Sept. 7	Dec. 24	Jan. 10	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	June 30
<b>QUEBEC</b>	Aug. 30	not available	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision
C.S. de Montréal	Aug 25 teachers Sept. 1 students	Dec. 23	Jan.10	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	June 30 teachers June 23 pupils
English Montreal School Board	Aug. 25 teachers Aug. 30 pupils	Dec. 23	Jan. 10	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	June 29 teachers June 23 pupils
C.S. de la Capitale (Quebec City)	not available	Dec. 23	Jan. 11	Mar.6	Mar. 10	June 29 teachers June 22 pupils
Central Quebec (Quebec City)	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Saint John	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available	not available
Fredericton	Aug. 30 teachers Sept. 7 pupils	Dec. 23	Jan.10	Feb. 26	Mar. 13	June 27 teachers June 23 pupils
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	Sept. 1	Dec.21	Jan.6	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	June 30
Halifax	Sept. 1 teachers Sept. 2 pupils	Dec. 22	Jan. 6	Mar. 10	Mar. 20	June 29
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	Sept. 1 teachers Sept. 2 pupils	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	Mar. 17	Mar. 27	June 30
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND</b>	Sept. 7 pupils	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	Board Decision	June 23 pupils
St. John's (Avalon East)	Sept. 8	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	Apr 14	Apr 25	June 22

s : secondary school

e : elementary school

DEA : district  
education authority

TERRITORY / PROVINCE	LABOUR DAY	THANKSGIVING	REMEMBRANCE DAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER MONDAY	VICTORIA DAY OR FÊTE DE DOLLARD-DES ORMEAUX
	September 6	October 11	November 11	April 21	April 24	May 22
<b>Yukon Territory</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>Nunavut</b>						
<b>British Columbia</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>Alberta</b>	YES	YES	BOARD DECISION	YES	BOARD DECISION	YES

Saskatchewan	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Manitoba	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Ontario	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Quebec	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Brunswick	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Nova Scotia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Prince Edward Island	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Newfoundland	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
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Province / Territory	Does this region observe an education week?	DATES
Yukon Territory	N/A	--
Northwest Territories	YES	Mar 27-31
Nunavut		
British Columbia	YES	Mar. 6-12, 2000
Alberta	YES	Nov. 7-13
Saskatchewan	YES	N/A
Manitoba	YES	Apr 10-14,2000
Ontario	YES	N/A
Quebec	NO	--
New Brunswick	NO	--
Nova Scotia	YES	N/A
Prince Edward Island	NO	--
Newfoundland	YES	N/A

Territory / Province	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Possible Work Days
<b>YUKON TERRITORY</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Board Decision
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Board Decision
Yellowknife	2	21	20	19	15	18	19	13	18	22	29	193
<b>NUNAVUT</b>												
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	0	17	21	20	14	20	20	18	20	20	22	193
<b>ALBERTA</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	185-200
Calgary Public	2	21	20	21	13	19	20	18	19	22	22	197
Calgary Catholic	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Edmonton Public	3	21	21	20	14	20	19	20	19	20	21	198
Edmonton Catholic	3	21	21	20	14	20	19	20	19	20	22	199
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Varies	21	21	20	16	20	20	23	16	20	Varies	197
Regina Public	5	21	20	20	16	16	21	21	14	21	22	197
Regina Catholic	16	21	21	20 s	16	20	17	22 s	16	19 s	9	197
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Saskatoon Public	4	21	20	20	13	21	18	22	14	22	22	197
Saskatoon Catholic	14 s	21	20 s	20	14 s	20 s	17	23	16	20	13 s	197
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<b>MANITOBA</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	200
Winnipeg	2	21	20	21	13	21	21	18	19	22	22	200
<b>ONTARIO</b>	0	21	21	21	14	20	20	18	20	20	22	197
Toronto District		18	20	22/17	16/17	16	20	17/18	18	22	21/19	190 instructional
Toronto Catholic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	194 + 4PD
<b>QUEBEC</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	200
C.S. de Montreal	5	21	20	22	17	16	19	20	18	22	20	200
English Montreal School Board	5	21	20	21	17	16	19	20	18	22	20	200
C.S. de la Capitale	6	21	20	22	16	16	21	18	18	22	20	200
Central Quebec	4	20	21	21	14	19	20	18	19	21	21	198
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	0	21	21	20	14	20	20	18	20	20	21	195
Fredericton	2	21	20	21	17	16	21	18	18	22	19	195
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	0	21	20	20	17	20	20	18	20	20	22	195-199
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	0	21	20	21	13	21	21	18	18	22	22	197
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND</b>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Board Decision
Avalon District (St. John's)	0	17	20	20	15	19	20	22	14	22	16	185
<b>Territory / Province</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Possible Work Days</b>

-- : dash denotes that the decision is made by the school board, school council or district education authority

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N/A: information not available at time of publication

**NOTES ON TEACHING SCHEDULES AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BY PROVINCE / TERRITORY****YUKON TERRITORY**

In Yukon, every school council and school board can set its own calendar. In Northern Yukon, where days last long in June, most schools are out by the first week of June. All Yukon students, however, will attend school for the prescribed 950 hours of instruction required by the Education Act. The school calendars recognize statutory holidays such as Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Heritage Day (February 25), Good Friday, Easter Monday and Victoria Day. School openings range from Aug. 17 to Sept. 7. The duration of the school day varies from 5 hours to 5 hours and 20 minutes. Consequently, the total number of school days varies from 178 to 190. School councils, in consultation with staff, may declare other local holidays, so long as the total of 950 instructional hours is met.

**NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

School years are set by each district education authority (DEA). At present there are 58 DEAs and each has set a school year calendar that is unique to the needs of the community it serves. Some school years start in late July and end as early as the second week in May. The Education Act does not set a required number of days, but establishes the number of hours of instruction that must be provided to students in each academic year. For kindergarten, the required number of hours is no more than 570 hours, for grades 1 through 6, no less than 997 hours and for grades 7-12, no less than 1,045 hours. Teachers are required to provide instruction up to the required number of hours of the Education Act for the grades they teach. Through the collective agreement, the total number of days of instruction is not to exceed 195, of which five are for professional development. District education authorities have the flexibility to add additional holidays for local purposes when required.

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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

The Lieutenant Governor in Council sets a standard school calendar. This school year, there are a minimum of 186 days of instruction. A local school board may adopt, with the approval of the parents and board employees assigned to a school, a school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar for one or more schools in its district. Local school calendars must provide for a minimum of 40 weeks of schooling in the school year and each school week must offer the required minimum hours of instruction as set out in a regulation. For the 1999-2000 school year, the standard school calendar prescribes a minimum of 192 days in session. These days are made up of 186 days of instruction, six non-instructional days, and one administrative day (year-end). In addition to the statutory holidays, the standard school calendar provides for a winter vacation period and a spring vacation period.

**ALBERTA**

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 winter vacation 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 students. The School Act states that teachers shall not be required 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 to additional hours/days. Thus the number of working days possible for teachers is variable each month. 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 185-190. A board may declare one day a 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, Remembrance Day and Farmers' Day may be observed at the discretion of the local school board.

**SASKATCHEWAN**

Boards may set their own opening and closing dates for the school year, keeping in mind the legislative requirements: (a) the length of the school year in 1999-2000 is 197 days; (b) Christmas vacation shall begin no later than December 23 and extend up to and include January 2; (c) the spring vacation shall consist of the five days immediately following Easter Sunday; (d) a summer vacation of not less than six weeks shall begin immediately after July 1. Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday, but it falls during the spring vacation. Remembrance Day is a school holiday only if it falls on a weekday. No holiday is given in lieu of Remembrance Day if it falls on Saturday or Sunday, but it is allowed for by most boards of education. A board may declare any day, but not more than one day at a time, to be a holiday. Any day proclaimed as a holiday by the Governor General, Lieutenant-Governor, the mayor of a city, town, or village, or the reeve of a municipality, shall be a school holiday.

**MANITOBA**

School boards may set the opening and closing dates for the school year, which must consist of 200 school days. The Christmas vacation is to begin not later than December 23 and extend to at least January 2; the spring vacation shall consist of five days beginning the last Monday in March; and the summer vacation shall be not less than six weeks beginning July 1. The regulations provide that, in each school year, the number of days for teacher in-service training, parent-teacher conferences, administration and pupil evaluation shall not exceed ten days in kindergarten-through grade 12. At least five of these days shall be used for teacher in-service. These days are counted as teaching days for purposes of computing grants, but individual pupil attendance need not be recorded in the classroom register. When November 11 falls on a school day, that day is a holiday for schools.

Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday in Manitoba. Any day designated by the Minister of Education and Training is a school holiday, but any day so designated counts as a teaching day for computing grants. Schools can observe local holidays for religious, cultural, and sporting events providing the 200-day school year requirements are met.

**ONTARIO**

A school board shall begin the school year on or after September 1 and end on or before June 30. The number of potential school days available within these limits will always exceed the required minimum 194 school days. The school days exceeding 194 must be scheduled at the beginning and/or the end of the school year. This year there is the possibility of 197 school days. A minimum of 190 instructional days is required with up to four professional activity days. This provides boards with limited flexibility unless they choose to submit a modified school year calendar to the Minister for approval. Other school holidays: all statutory holidays (except Remembrance Day) and if the head of the municipality in which a school is situated proclaims a school day as a civic holiday, the school board may close any of its schools on such a day.

**QUEBEC**

The working year for teachers consists of 200 working days from September 1 to June 30. However, the school board and the union can agree to change the start and the end of the school year for teachers or a group of teachers, but in no case can the number of holidays to which the teacher is entitled be increased or reduced. The school calendar for students consists of 200 days maximum, of which at least 180 days (at the rate of five full days a week) must be devoted to teaching activities and student services. School boards in the same region must co-ordinate their school calendar. Each school board may decide the dates of movable holidays for pupils and teachers and of professional activity days for teachers. Statutory holidays must be observed.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**

Six additional days for teachers include two days for subject council meetings outside the instructional year and four days to be scheduled by school districts for administrative and professional development activities. Schools in Saint John close on Loyalist Day (in May).

**NOVA SCOTIA**

The Christmas vacation consists of Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and not fewer than five or more than ten school days. The dates of the September opening, the Christmas vacation and the closing of school in June must be chosen to provide a total of 195 working days for teachers and a minimum of 187 instructional days. The number of working days in any one month may vary slightly from school board to school board. 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, but pupils are not required to be present. Pupils may or may not be required to be present on the days used for in-service training programs. When the 195th school day in any school year falls on a Monday, a board may declare that it will be observed on the Saturday immediately preceding the Monday. School boards may also declare holidays subject to the approval of the Minister of Ed.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

The regulations set 185 instructional days for students and 197 school days for teachers. This provides for a maximum of twelve professional days, including an orientation day for teachers at the start of the school year 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 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. Teachers will conduct a provincial professional development day on November 10 this year. Students do not attend. The Minister of Education may vary the calendar for a school or school board upon application by a school board.

**NEWFOUNDLAND**

The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates for the school year. The dates and length of holiday periods are determined by each school board. The Christmas vacation is usually 8-10 school days. Most school boards take an Easter break of approximately six school days. The length of the school year is 190 days, composed of the 185 instructional days, three paid holidays, and two non-teaching days for administrative purposes. Each teacher may receive up to five days as professional development days. School boards may grant additional professional development days from a bank of one day per teacher employed by the board. Statutory holidays are observed, and school boards may declare further holidays provided schools are open for 185 days.