

2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER CLOSING	SPRING TERM OPENING	SPRING CLOSING	SPRING REOPENING	SUMMER CLOSING
YUKON TERRITORIES	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	District Education Authority	District Education Authority	District Education Authority	District Education Authority	District Education Authority	District Education Authority
NUNAVUT	No earlier than Aug. 6	Dec. 18-20	Jan. 6	Varies	Varies	May 13 - June 30
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	June 27
Richmond	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	June 27
ALBERTA	Local board decision					
Calgary	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	June 30
Calgary Roman Catholic	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	June 26
Edmonton	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 28	Apr. 7	June 27
SASKATCHEWAN	Board decision	No later than Dec. 23	No earlier than Jan. 3	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	Board decision
Regina	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	June 27
Saskatoon	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	June 24-25
MANITOBA	Aug. 26-29	Dec. 20	Jan. 5-6	Mar. 28	April 7	June 27-30
ONTARIO	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 30
Ottawa-Carleton District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 24-25
Peel District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 26
Toronto District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 24-26
York Region	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 25-26

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QUEBEC	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 2-7	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 20 or 23
Capitale	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	Feb. 27	Mar. 10	June 23
Central Quebec	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	Feb. 28	Mar. 11	June 23
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 28	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 23
English Montreal	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 23
Lester B. Pearson	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 23
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR	Sept. 3	Board decision				June 27
Avalon East	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	June 26
Avalon West	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Apr. 17	Apr. 28	June 27
NEW BRUNSWICK	Sept. 3 *	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 20
School Districts 17 & 18	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	June 20
NOVA SCOTIA	Sept. 3	Dec. 2	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 30
Chignecto-Central	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 28
Halifax Regional	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 17	June 30
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	June 30
Eastern	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Mar. 14	Mar. 24	June 30

N/A: Not available

* : Except District 5 & 15 who will be hosting Canada Games. Spring break in these two districts will be Feb. 24 - Mar. 7.

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PRESCRIBED HOLIDAYS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	LABOUR DAY SEPT. 2	THANKSGIVING DAY OCT. 14	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV. 11	GOOD FRIDAY MAR. 18	EASTER MONDAY APR. 21	VICTORIA DAY MAY. 19	OTHER
YUKON TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Heritage Day (Feb.)
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Aboriginal Day (June 21)
NUNAVUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ALBERTA	✓	✓	Local board decision	✓	Local board decision	✓	Family Day (3 rd Mon. in Feb.)
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
ONTARIO	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
QUEBEC	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	Saint-Jean Baptiste (June 24)
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

N/A: Not available

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INSTRUCTIONAL (WORK) DAYS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	POSSIBLE WORK DAYS
YUKON TERRITORIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	178-190
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	195 max.
NUNAVUT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	195
BRITISH COLUMBIA	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	21	19	-	193
ALBERTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185-190
SASKATCHEWAN	19*	20	22	20	15	21	20	21	16	20	21*	-	N/A
MANITOBA	5	20	22	20	15	22	20	20	17	21	21	-	203
ONTARIO	(21)	20	22	21	15	20	20	16	20	21	21	(22)	196
QUEBEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	179-187
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR	-	20	22	20	15	22	20	21	23	21	20	-	204
NEW BRUNSWICK	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	21	15	-	189 + 6
NOVA SCOTIA	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	21	21	-	195
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	21	21	-	195

N/A: Not available

* : May vary

(): Bracketed numbers represent possible working days for boards that operate on a year-round calendar and/or modified calendar

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EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	DOES THIS REGION OBSERVE AN EDUCATION WEEK?	DATES	NOTES
YUKON TERRITORIES	Yes	TBA	
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Yes	Feb. 24 - Mar. 2	
NUNAVUT	Yes	TBA	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Yes	TBA	Beginning of March
ALBERTA	Yes	Apr. 27 - May 3	
SASKATCHEWAN	Yes	TBA*	In October
MANITOBA	Yes	Apr. 14-18	
ONTARIO	Yes	Apr. 28 – May 2	
QUEBEC	No		
NEWFOUNDLAND and LABRADOR	Yes	Mar. 3-9	
NEW BRUNSWICK	No		
NOVA SCOTIA	Yes	Apr. 22-27	Theme: French Language, Life and Community
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	No		

TBA: To be announced

N/A: Not available

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YUKON TERRITORY

In Yukon, every school council and school board can set its own calendar. 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. All Yukon students attend school for the prescribed 950 hours of instruction required by the *Education Act*. The school calendars recognise statutory holidays such as Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Heritage Day (February), Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Victoria Day. School councils, in consultation with staff, may declare other school closed days, 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 8 Education Jurisdictions 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 5 are for professional development. District education authorities have the flexibility to add additional holidays for local purposes when required. National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is also a statutory holiday.

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. Nunavut is a new territory and is still in the process of establishing territory-wide procedures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Lieutenant Governor on Council sets a standard school calendar. This school year, there is a minimum of 187 days of instruction. A local school board may adopt, after consultation with the parents and board employees assigned to a school, and after satisfying the specified “notice” period, a school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar for one or more schools in its district. Local school calendars must offer the required minimum hours of instruction as set out in the regulation. For the 2002-2003 school year, the standard school calendar prescribes a minimum of 194 days in session. These days are made up of 187 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.

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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 teachers 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, 2 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 1 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 of education in Saskatchewan set their own opening and closing dates for the school year keeping in mind the following: a) the number of days in the 2002-2003 school year is 197 (differs from the number of days students are in classrooms due to TPD's); b) the Christmas vacation must commence no later than December 23 and end no earlier than January 2, both days inclusive; c) there shall be a spring vacation consisting of the 5 days following Easter Sunday; d) a summer vacation must consist of a least 6 consecutive weeks from the last school day in one school year to the first school day in the following school year and must end no earlier than the first Monday in August. The school year runs July 1 – June 30.

Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday, but it falls during the spring vacation. Remembrance Day is a holiday only if it falls on a school day (Monday to Friday). No holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day falling on a Saturday or Sunday is required but it is provided for by most boards of education. A board of education may declare any day, but no more than one day at a time, to be a holiday. Any day proclaimed by the Governor General, Lieutenant Governor, the mayor of a city, town or village or the reeve of a rural municipality shall be a school holiday.

MANITOBA

School year must consist of 200 school days. School boards may set the opening and closing dates for the school year. December 20 is the latest the fall term can conclude. The Christmas vacation period is to begin no later than the end of classes on December 22 and extend, at minimum, to the start of classes on January 2. The spring vacation consists of five days beginning the last Monday in March. The summer vacation can be no less than six weeks beginning July 1. School boards offering an extended Christmas break will likely have to open in August in order to get in the required 200 school days. School boards may add to, but not delete from statutory holidays and mandatory Spring break as long as the 200 school days requirements are met.

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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 designated by the board as board holidays. For the 2002-2003 school year, boards may designate up to 2 board holidays. These are 2 possible days between September 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003 that exceed the required number of instructional days of 194. A minimum of 190 instructional days, including 10 examination 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 board may close any of its schools on such a day. There are also possible 22 working days in July and possible 21 working days in August for boards with schools that operate on a year-round calendar and/or modified calendar.

QUEBEC

Each school board can establish its own school calendar just as long as there is a minimum of 180 days devoted to teaching activities and student services. The working year for teachers consists of 200 working days from September 1 to June 30. A school board and a 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 teachers are entitled be modified. The days following New Years Day and the Saint-Jean Baptiste (June 24) are statutory holidays.

NEWFOUNDLAND

The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates for the school year. Boards have the discretion to organize the school calendar. They determine the dates and length of holiday periods. 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 195 days, composed of the 187 instructional days, three paid holidays, and two non-teaching days for administrative purposes and 3 professional development days. 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 provided schools are open for 187 days.

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).

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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 organisational and administrative purposes, or for in-service training programs. All teachers must be present on the days used for organisational 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.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The regulations set 185 instructional days for students and 195 school days for teachers. This provides for a maximum of ten 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 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. Teachers will conduct a provincial development day on November 9 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.