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## THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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
<b>YUKON</b>	<b>Aug. 22-Sept. 7</b>	<b>Dec. 15*</b>	<b>Jan. 3*</b>	<b>Feb. 22*</b>	<b>March 12*</b>	<b>May 30-June 26</b>
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**</b>	<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Dec. 22/23</b>	<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>April 2</b>	<b>June 28</b>
Yellowknife Catholic Schools	Aug. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	April 2	June 27/28
Yellowknife Education District No. 1	Aug. 31	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	April 2	June 28
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	<b>All schools have different opening and closing dates**</b>					
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>March 26</b>	<b>June 29</b>
Greater Victoria School District	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	March 26	June 29
Vancouver School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	March 26	June 29
Richmond School District	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	March 26	June 29
<b>ALBERTA</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Calgary Catholic School District	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	April 5	April 16	June 28
Calgary Board of Education	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 30	April 10	June 29
Edmonton Public Schools	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 23	April 2	June 29
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 23	April 2	June 29
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Dec. 22 or earlier</b>	<b>Jan. 3 or later</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>Varies</b>
Saskatoon Public Schools	August 30/31	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	April 6	April 16	June 26/27
Regina Public Schools	August 31	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	April 6	April 16	June 27
<b>MANITOBA</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 22 or earlier</b>	<b>Jan. 3 or later</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>April 2</b>	<b>June 29</b>
Winnipeg School Division	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 23	April 2	June 29

N/A: Not available

\* With some exceptions

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<b>ONTARIO</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>June 29</b>
Peel District School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 9	March 19	June 27/28
Thames Valley District School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 9	March 19	June 27
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 9	March 19	June 27
Toronto District School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 9	March 19	June 27/28
York Region District School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 9	March 19	June 28/29
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	<b>Aug. 28 - Sept. 6</b>	<b>Dec. 21-22</b>	<b>Jan. 3-9</b>	<b>March 2*</b>	<b>March 12*</b>	<b>June 21-27</b>
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 2	March 12	June 22
Commission scolaire de la Capitale	Aug. 30	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 2	March 12	June 22
Western Quebec School Board	Aug. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 2	March 12	June 22
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND &amp; LABRADOR</b>	<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>Dec. 20-22</b>	<b>Jan. 3-4</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>June 21-22</b>
Eastern School District	Sept. 6	Dec. 22	Jan. 3	April 5	April 16	June 29
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>June 22</b>
School District 18 (Fredericton)	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 3	March 13	June 23
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>June 29</b>
Cape Breton-Victoria	Sept. 11	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29
Halifax Regional School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>March 26</b>	<b>June 26</b>

N/A: Not available

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## SPRING BREAK SUMMARY

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	SPRING BREAK (INCLUSIVE DATES)
<b>YUKON</b>	Feb. 23 – March 9
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	March 19-30
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	Varies across the territory
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	March 19-23
<b>ALBERTA</b>	N/A
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	April 9-18
<b>MANITOBA</b>	March 26-30
<b>ONTARIO</b>	March 12-16
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	March 5-9
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND &amp; LABRADOR</b>	April 6-13
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	March 5-9
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	March 12-16
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	March 19-23

N/A: Not available

Note: The dates may vary across school boards.



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## PRESCRIBED HOLIDAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 4	THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 9	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11	GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6	EASTER MONDAY APRIL 9	VICTORIA DAY MAY 21	OTHER/NOTES
YUKON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Discovery Day (Aug. 21) and Heritage Day (Feb. 23) are also statutory holidays.
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is a statutory holiday
NUNAVUT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Established by the District Education Authorities (DEA)
BRITISH COLUMBIA		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The school year starts after Labour Day
ALBERTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Easter Monday is the first day of the province's Spring Break
MANITOBA	✓	✓		✓		✓	
ONTARIO	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
QUÉBEC	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	The day following St-Jean-Baptiste (June 25) is a statutory holiday
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Schools in St. John are closed on Loyalist Day (in May)
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

N/A: Not available



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## INSTRUCTIONAL (TEACHING) DAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUL.	POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS
<b>YUKON</b>	Varies across the territory from school to school												178-185
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	22	20	21	21	16	20	20	22	19	22	20	20	243
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	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
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	-	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	22	20	-	193
<b>ALBERTA</b>	N/A												200 max.
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>MANITOBA</b>	-	19	21	22	16	21	20	17	20	22	21	-	199
<b>ONTARIO</b>	0	20	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	21	0	196
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	180 - 200
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND &amp; LABRADOR</b>	0	18	21	21	16	21	20	22	15	22	15	0	191
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	-	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	21	16	-	188
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	-	19	21	21	14	21	20	17	19	22	21	-	195
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	0	19	19	21	16	17	19	17	19	21	18	0	186

N/A: Not available

\* May vary



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## EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	EDUCATION WEEK	DATES	NOTES
<b>YUKON</b>	Y	April 16-20	As of July 2006, no theme yet selected
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	Y	Feb. 19-23	
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	Y	Anticipated to fall in the last week of March for 2007	
<b>ALBERTA</b>	N/A		
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Y	October 15-21	<i>Our Children...Our Schools... Our Future</i>
<b>MANITOBA</b>	Y	April 16-20	As of July 2006, no theme yet selected
<b>ONTARIO</b>	Y	April 30 – May 4	As of July 2006, no theme yet selected
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	N		
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND &amp; LABRADOR</b>	Y		More information can be obtained through the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	N/A		
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	Y	April 15-21	As of July 2006, no theme yet selected
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	N		

TBA: To be announced

N/A: Not available



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## TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	N/A	N/A	
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	N/A	Teachers are celebrated during the “Thank you for making a difference” campaign each year. The campaign runs from early January to February 23.
NUNAVUT	N/A	N/A	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	N		As of July 2006, World Teacher’s Day had not been proclaimed for the 2006/07 school year. It has been proclaimed in past year.
ALBERTA	N/A		
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	Feb. 11-17	Sponsored by the Canadian Home and School Federation
MANITOBA	N		
ONTARIO	Y	Oct. 5	
QUÉBEC	Y	Feb. 4-10	
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	Y	N/A	The government usually makes a media announcement indicating the dates.
NEW BRUNSWICK	N/A		
NOVA SCOTIA	Y	Mid Feb.	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Y	Feb. 11-17	Teacher Appreciation Week sponsored by the Home and School Federation

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

Note: October 5<sup>th</sup> is the World Teachers’ Day



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# NOTES

## YUKON

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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

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The calendar year varies for each school division and, sometimes by each school within a division. Due to seasonal variations (i.e. hours of sunlight) and community customs, some schools conclude the last week of May and resume classes the beginning of August. Most schools, however, begin classes during the last week of August and conclude the school year the last week of June. National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is a statutory holiday for schools and the Government of the Northwest Territories. Most private businesses observe it as a statutory holiday. The Northwest Territories has 195 total sessional days for students in all grades. Kindergarten has 475 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 953 hours per year minimum with 330 minutes per day as maximum length of school day. Grades 7-12 have 1000 hours/year minimum with 345 minutes per day as maximum length of school day.

## NUNAVUT

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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

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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 a consultation process with 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 offer the required minimum hours of instruction as set out in the regulation. For the 2006-2007 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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## NOTES (continued)

### ALBERTA (Last updated in 2005-06)

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In 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 1,200 hours in a school year or for more than 200 days in a school year unless the teachers agree 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 and Farmers' Day may be observed at the discretion of the local school board.

### SASKATCHEWAN

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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 2006-2007 school year is 197 (different from the number of days students are in classrooms due to Teachers' Professional Days); 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 to June 30.

The number of school days varies in August and June because each board of education in Saskatchewan sets their own opening and closing dates for the start and end of the school year. Some school divisions begin in late August while others wait until after Labour Day. The total number of school days in each school division must be 197. Saskatchewan prescribes 197 school days but these include all instructional, exam and PD days. Saskatchewan does not prescribe instructional days.

Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday, but it falls during the spring vacation which consists of the 5 days immediately following Easter Sunday. 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.



## NOTES (continued)

### MANITOBA

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The school year must consist of 196 school days and may begin no earlier than September 5, 2006. 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, or earlier as determined by the school board, and extend to January 2 inclusive, or later as determined by the school board. The spring vacation will be one week beginning the last Monday in March (March 26 - 30, 2007 inclusive). School boards may add to, but not delete from, statutory holidays and spring break as long as the 196 school days requirements are met.

### ONTARIO

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Boards have the option of submitting a regular school year calendar or a modified school year calendar. A regular school year calendar generally indicates that 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. For the 2006-2007 school year, boards may designate up to 2 board holidays and 6 professional activity/development days between September 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. A board may designate up to ten instructional days as examination days.

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 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 with schools that operate on a modified school year calendar have a possible 21 working days in July (2007) and a possible 22 working days in August (2006).

### QUÉBEC

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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 end dates of the school year, but in no case can the number of holidays to which teachers are entitled be modified. The days following New Years Day (January 2) and the Saint-Jean-Baptiste (June 24) are statutory holidays observed by school boards.



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## NOTES (continued)

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates for the school year. The five school boards have the discretion to organize the school calendar. Boards 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 for 2006-07 shall be 195 teaching days comprised of 187 actual teaching days, three paid holidays, two non-teaching days to be scheduled by the Board during the school year for administrative purposes, and three 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 for the school year are October 9, November 13, and May 21.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

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The length of the school year is 195 days, composed of 188 instructional days (two of which are used for Pedagogical Activities Focused on Curriculum and Parent/Teacher Meetings), one day for NBTA Branch meetings, two council days (outside of the instructional year), four days (to be scheduled by the school districts) for administration days and professional development activities, one council day within the school year and. Schools in Saint John close on Loyalist Day (in May).

### 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 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 195<sup>th</sup> 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

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The regulations set a total of 195 to 197 days to be used in each school year. 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 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.

