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## INTRODUCTION

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This useful calendar conveniently summarizes all of the opening and closing dates for schools 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 (2010-2011)
YUKON	Varies	Dec. 19*	Jan. 3*	March 2*	March 19*	Varies	
Area 1 Schools	Aug. 16-Sept. 6	Dec. 19*	Jan. 3	March 2*	March 19*	June 1-25	2,137
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Beaufort Delta Education Council	N/A						1,800
South Slave Divisional Education Council	N/A						1,500
Yellowknife Catholic Schools	Aug. 30	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 2	March 19	June 27	1,450
Yellowknife Education District No. 1	Sept. 6	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	March 2	March 19	June 28	1,864
NUNAVUT	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Qikiqtani School Operations	N/A						4,375
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 16	March 26	June 28	
Burnaby School District No. 41	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 16	March 26	June 29	24,163
Central Okanagan School District No. 23	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 28	21,700
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 19	March 23	June 28	4,169
Greater Victoria School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 29	20,000
Richmond School District	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 29	22,776
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 29	30,572
Surrey School District No. 36	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 29	67,500
Vancouver School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 26	June 28	55,582
ALBERTA	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	
Calgary Board of Education	Sept. 1	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	100,000
Calgary Catholic School District	Sept. 1	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	April 5	April 16	June 28	44,000



## SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

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 (2010-2011)
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord no. 2	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	2,460
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Aug. 30	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	33,063
Edmonton Public Schools	Sept. 1	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 27	79,000
Elk Island Public Schools	Aug. 31	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	April 2	June 29	16,300
Rocky View Schools	Sept. 6	Dec. 22	Jan. 9	March 30	April 10	June 27/28	17,400
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Varies	Dec. 23 or earlier	Jan. 2 or later	April 5	April 16	June 30 or earlier	
Conseil des écoles francsaskoises	Aug. 29	Dec. 23	Jan. 10	April 6	April 16	June 28	1,239
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (St. Paul's RCSSD #20)	Aug. 29/30	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	April 6	April 16	June 29	15,000
Regina Public Schools	Aug. 30	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	April 4	April 16	June 27	20,755
Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81	Aug. 29/Sept. 1	Dec. 23	Jan. 5	April 6	April 16	June 28	9,745
Saskatoon Public Schools	Aug. 29/30	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	April 6	April 16	June 26/27	20,628
<b>MANITOBA</b>	Sept. 6 or later	Dec. 22	Jan. 3 or later	March 23	April 2	June 29 or earlier	
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine	Sept. 7	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	4,912
Louis Riel School Division	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	14,378
Pembina Trails School Division	Sept. 7	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	12,656
River East Transcona School Division	Sept. 7	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	16,343
Seven Oaks School Division	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	10,099
Winnipeg School Division	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 23	April 2	June 29	29,785
<b>ONTARIO</b>	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29*	
Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE)	Aug. 29*	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9*	March 19*	June 21*	19,217

## SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

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Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29	13,200
District School Board of Niagara	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 28/29	40,000
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29	88,818
Durham District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27/28	69,086
Halton District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29	55,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27/28	49,182
Ottawa Catholic School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27/28	38,049
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 26/28	69,507
Peel District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29	149,844
Simcoe County District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27/28	50,000
Thames Valley District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27/28	75,500
Toronto Catholic District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 26/28	89,109
Toronto District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 28/29	240,700
Waterloo Region District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 29	57,257
York Catholic District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27	55,326
York Region District School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 9	March 19	June 27	115,000
QUEBEC	Aug. 17 – Sept. 2	Dec. 20-23	Jan. 4-9	Varies	Varies	June 20-22	
Commission scolaire de la Capitale	Aug. 30	Dec. 23	Jan. 10	March 2	March 12	June 22	21,375
Commission scolaire de Laval	Aug. 24	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 28	49,412
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 29	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 21	67,879
Commission scolaire des Affluents	Aug. 30	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	Feb. 24	March 5	June 22	39,000
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Aug. 29	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 22	45,000



## SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

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English Montreal School Board	Aug. 25	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 28	22,318
Lester B. Pearson School Board	Aug. 31	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 22	27,883
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	Aug. 31*	Dec. 23*	Jan. 9*	March 2*	March 12*	June 22*	14,084
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND</b>	Sept. 7	Dec. 21*	Jan. 4*	April 5*	April 16*	June 21	
District 5 - Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador	Sept. 7	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	April 5	April 16	June 21	264
Eastern School District	Sept. 7	Dec. 22	Jan. 3	April 6	April 16	June 21	40,950
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 22	
District scolaire 1	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 22	7,872
School District 2	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 10	March 2	March 12	June 22	15,856
School District 18 (Fredericton)	Sept. 6	Dec. 23	Jan. 9	March 2	March 12	June 22	12,209
School District 8	Sept. 6/7	Dec. 23	Jan. 10	March 2	March 12	June 22	12,166
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	Sept. 2	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29	
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29	15,239
Cape Breton-Victoria	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29	15,159
Chignecto-Central Regional School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29	22,823
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3/4	March 9	March 19	June 29	4,346
Halifax Regional School Board	Sept. 6	Dec. 16	Jan. 3	March 9	March 19	June 29	51,993
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	Sept. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 16	March 26	June 26	
Commission scolaire de langue française de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard	Sept. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 16	March 26	June 26	817
Eastern School District	Sept. 7	Dec. 21	Jan. 3	April 5	April 16	June 26	13,600

N/A: Not available at the time of publication

+ Last day of school before closing

\* With some exceptions

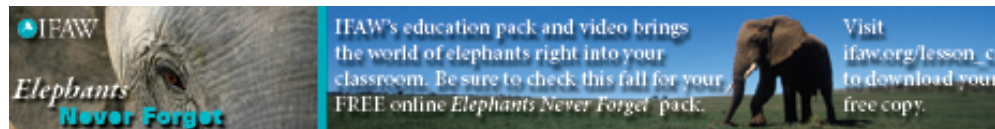
\*\* See notes at the end of the calendar for more details



## SPRING BREAK SUMMARY

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	SPRING BREAK (INCLUSIVE DATES)
YUKON	March 5- 16
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Varies across the territory
NUNAVUT	Varies across the territory
BRITISH COLUMBIA	March 19- 23
ALBERTA	Varies across the province
SASKATCHEWAN	April 6- 13
MANITOBA	March 26- 30
ONTARIO	March 12- 16
QUÉBEC	Varies across the province
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Varies across the province
NEW BRUNSWICK	March 5- 9
NOVA SCOTIA	March 12-16
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	March 19-23

Note: The dates may vary across school boards.



PRESCRIBED HOLIDAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 5	THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 10	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11	GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6	EASTER MONDAY APRIL 9	VICTORIA DAY MAY 21	OTHER/NOTES
YUKON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Heritage Day (Feb. 24) is a statutory holiday
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National Aboriginal Day (June 21) is a statutory holiday
NUNAVUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	½ day Hamlet days are set by the municipality
BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ALBERTA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	Family day (Feb. 20) is a statutory holiday
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓**	✓	Family day (Feb. 20) is a statutory holiday
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	Louis Riel Day (Feb. 20) is a statutory holiday
ONTARIO	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Family day (Feb. 20) is a statutory holiday
QUÉBEC	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	January 2 and St-Jean-Baptiste (June 24) are statutory holidays
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Islander Day (Feb. 20) is a statutory holiday

\* Varies by board  
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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 by school												173-184
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	Varies across the territory by school												180-188
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	Varies across the territory by local District Education Authority												195
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	-	N/A	20-21*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	185
<b>ALBERTA</b>	Varies across the province by school board												200
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Varies across the province by school board												197**
<b>MANITOBA**</b>	-	19	20	21	16	17	20	17	20	22	21	-	193
<b>ONTARIO</b>	-	21	20	22	12	22	20	17	19	22	21	-	196**
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	Varies across the province by school board												200**
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR</b>	-	18	20	21	15	21	21	22	15	22	15	-	190**
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	-	19	20	21	17	17	21	17	19	21	16	-	185***
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	-	21	20	21	12	21	21	17	19	22	21	-	195
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	-	19	18	20	14	21	19	17	19	21	18	-	185

N/A: Not available


\* One Provincial Professional Development Day falls on one of these days

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\*\*\* Three days have been deducted from this figure: 1 day for NBTA branch meetings and 2 days for pedagogical activities. See notes at the end of the calendar for more details.



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## EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	EDUCATION WEEK	DATES	NOTES
<b>YUKON</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	Y	Feb 20 - 24	Theme TBA
<b>NUNAVUT</b>	Y	April 18 - 22	Theme TBA
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	Y	TBA	
<b>ALBERTA</b>	Y	May 13-19	Theme TBA
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>	Y	October 16 - 22	This year the theme will be left up to individual school divisions to determine
<b>MANITOBA</b>	Y	April 16 - 20	Theme TBA
<b>ONTARIO</b>	Y	May 7 - 11	Theme TBA
<b>QUÉBEC</b>	N		
<b>NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR</b>	Y	March 5 - 9	Theme TBA
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	N/A	N/A	
<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	Y	TBA	Theme TBA
<b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>	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	N/A	N/A	
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	Feb. 24	
NUNAVUT	Y	April 22	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	TBA	
ALBERTA	Y	Oct. 5	
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	TBA	
MANITOBA	N		
ONTARIO	Y	Oct. 5	
QUÉBEC	Y	TBA	
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	N/A	To be determined by NLTA
NEW BRUNSWICK	Y	Feb. 6 – 10	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is sponsored by the Canadian Home and School Federation, the New Brunswick Federation of Home and School Associations Inc., and the Association francophone des parents du Nouveau-Brunswick.
NOVA SCOTIA	N		
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Y	Feb. 13-16	

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

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

## PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL FISCAL YEAR

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



## NOTES

### YUKON

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In Yukon, every school council and school board can make recommendations to the Minister of Education to set its own calendar. The duration of the school day varies from 5 hours to 5 hours and 30 minutes. The total number of school days varies from 173 to 184. All Yukon students 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, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's 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. Councils also establish 3 professional development days within the 950 hours in consultation with their school's administration.

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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

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

Kindergarten has 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. There are an additional 45 hours that can be outside the regular scheduled hours, for such things as cultural activities on the land, curricular related field trips, or parent/teacher/student interviews.

### 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.



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### BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The Lieutenant Governor on Council sets a standard school calendar. For the 2011/2012 school year, the standard school calendar sets out a minimum of 185 days of instruction. A local board of education 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. The standard school calendar for 2011/2012 prescribes a minimum of 192 days in session. These days are made up of 185 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.

Boards of Education set Professional Development Days. For more information you may visit individual board web sites through the ministry map's page @ <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/schools/bcmap.htm>

Boards of education may adopt a local school calendar after consulting with parents and board employees assigned to the school. The result of which is, for example, some schools have a four-day school week.

### ALBERTA

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In general, the school year extends from September to June with minor variations within some school jurisdictions. Most schools are closed in July and August, and for various periods of time during the winter/Christmas and spring/Easter breaks. Each local school board sets its own opening and closing dates, as well as the number of operating days, keeping in mind the following legislative requirements: a vacation 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 a board may not require a teacher to instruct students for more than 1,100 hours in a school year or for more than 200 days in a school year unless the teacher agrees. Thus the number of working days possible for teachers is variable each month.

The 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.



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### 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 2011-12 school year which is set at 197 days (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 five days following Easter Sunday and d) A summer vacation must consist of at 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 from July 1 to June 30.

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-Friday). No holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day following on a Saturday or a 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. Family day is observed on the third Monday in February.

### MANITOBA

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The school year must consist of 193 days and may begin no earlier than September 6, 2011. 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, 2011 or earlier as determined by the school board, and extend to January 2, 2012 inclusive, or later as determined by the school board. The number of school days in February is shortened by one day due to the establishment in 2008 of a new provincial statutory holiday on the third Monday of February each year (February 20, 2012). The spring vacation will be one week beginning the last Monday in March (March 26 to 30, 2012 inclusive). School boards may add to, but not delete from, statutory holidays and spring break as long as the 193 school days requirement is met. The last day of classes must be no later than June 29, 2012.

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 2011-12, then, the number of instructional days for teachers would be 183. 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.



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### 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 2011-2012 school year, boards may designate up to 2 board holidays and 6 professional activity/development days between September 1, 2011 and June 29, 2012. 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.

The number of 2011-12 modified calendar requests has increased considerably compared to the previous school year. The requests are being made in order to allow the school boards, school authorities and a provincial school to start school prior to September 1, 2011 or to delay the Christmas vacation by up to five days in order to extend the vacation time after New Year's Day.

Boards can request a modified calendar which could include instructional days in July and/or August. There are 20 days available in July 2012 and 22 days available in August 2011.

### QUÉBEC

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The number of work days for teachers is 200 days spread between September 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. A school board and a union can agree to change the beginning and end dates of the school year. However, they cannot change the number of days under any circumstances. Each school board negotiates the distribution of working days within the civil calendar, without altering the number of work days or the period covered by the work year. As a rule, the school year never goes over June 30<sup>th</sup>, but can start before September. The day following New Year's Day (January 2) and National Holiday of Quebec (June 24) are statutory holidays observed by school boards.



## 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 around the set opening and closing dates. Districts determine the dates and length of holiday periods. The Christmas vacation is usually 8-10 school days. Most school districts take an Easter break of approximately five school days (usually starting Good Friday with students returning the Monday of the following week). The length of the school year for 2011-12 shall be 195 teaching days comprised of 187 actual teaching days, three paid holidays, two non-teaching days to be scheduled by the district during the school year for administrative purposes, and three professional development days. Each teacher may receive up to five days as professional development days. Statutory holidays for the school year are October 10 (Thanksgiving Day), November 11 (Armistice Day), and May 21 (Victoria Day).

Possible instructional days are based on the calendar of the largest school district and the calendar for other Districts may vary slightly. From the 190 noted days there would be 3 “close-out” days for teacher professional development. These days would be determined by the districts/schools.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

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The length of the school year is 195 days, comprised of: 185 instructional days for students, 1 day for NBTA/AEFNB Branch Meetings, 3 Subject Council Days (2 of which are for 09-10 only), 4 District Administration Days, and 2 days for pedagogical activities focused on curriculum. School Districts will also schedule two days as a combination of parent teacher meetings and professional development activities during the instructional year (one full day in the fall and one full day in the spring).

School calendar is established by the Minister of Education under Regulation of Education Act. School districts only have authority to schedule instructional days where it is specifically granted by the Minister.

### 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, 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.



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## NOTES (continued)

### 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 for a school board-wide professional development day between the first and the second high school semesters and allow two days for parent-teacher interviews. A school board may give approval to a school to carry out a professional development program for one-half of any day designated for parent-teacher interviews. The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development may vary the calendar for a school or school board upon application by a school board.



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