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INTRODUCTION

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 ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
YUKON	Varies	Dec. 20*	Jan. 6*	March 14*	Varies	Varies	
Area 1 Schools	Aug. 21-Sept. 4	Dec. 20*	Jan. 6*	March 14*	March 31*	June 3-23	2,137
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Beaufort Delta Education Council	Aug. 1/Sept. 5	Dec. 17/Dec. 20	Jan.3/Jan. 6	Varies	Varies	Varies	1,800
South Slave Divisional Education Council	Aug. 30/Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 11	April 28	June 26/27	1,500
Yellowknife Catholic Schools	Aug. 27/28	Dec. 20	Jan.6	March 14	March 31	June 25	1,400
Yellowknife Education District No. 1	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	April 1	June 26	1,864
NUNAVUT	All schools have different opening and closing dates**						
Qikiqtani School Operations	Each communities has its own dates						4,375
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Varies	Varies	June 27	
Burnaby School District No. 41	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	March 31	June 26	24,163
Central Okanagan School District No. 23	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	March 31	June 26	21,500
Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	Varies	Varies	June 26	4,787
Greater Victoria School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 24	June 26	19,500
Richmond School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	March 31	June 27	21,968
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	March 31	June 27	30,572
Surrey School District No. 36	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 14	March 31	June 27	69,600
Vancouver School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 4	March 31	June 27	55,582
ALBERTA	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	
Calgary Board of Education	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 20	March 31	June 26	104,182
Calgary Catholic School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 21	March 31	June 26	49,000



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Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord no. 2	Sept. 3	Dec. 21	Jan. 6	Varies	Varies	June 26	2,590
Edmonton Catholic Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 28	35,694
Edmonton Public Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 26	80,000
Elk Island Public Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 21	April 2	June 26	16,300
Rocky View Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 26/27	18,400
SASKATCHEWAN	Sept. 3	Dec. 23 or earlier	Jan. 2 or later	Varies	Varies	June 30 or earlier	
Conseil des écoles fransaskoises	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 27	1,325
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (St. Paul's RCSSD #20)	Sept. 3/4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 27	16,000
Regina Public Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 27	20,755
Regina Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 81	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 27	10,250
Saskatoon Public Schools	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 25/26	21,226
MANITOBA	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	
Division scolaire franco-manitobaine	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	5,000
Louis Riel School Division	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	14,325
Pembina Trails School Division	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	12,691
River East Transcona School Division	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	16,333
Seven Oaks School Division	Sept. 3/4	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	March 28	April 7	June 27	10,540
Winnipeg School Division	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 28	April 7	June 27	33,478
ONTARIO	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 6	March 17	June 30	
Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE)	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 8*	March 17*	June 20*	20,000

SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS (continued)

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST WINTER BREAK OPENING	SPRING BREAK CLOSING ⁺	POST SPRING BREAK OPENING	SUMMER CLOSING ⁺	ENROLLMENT (2012-2013)
Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 27	13,200
District School Board of Niagara	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan.6	March 7	March 17	June 26/27	40,000
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 27	85,278
Durham District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 7	March 18	June 26	70,189
Halton District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	March 10	March 17	June 26/27	54,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25/27	48,893
Ottawa Catholic School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 6	March 17	June 26/27	38,049
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25/27	73,185
Peel District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 27	152,917
Simcoe County District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25/27	50,000
Thames Valley District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 18	June 27	75,500
Toronto Catholic District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 18	June 25/27	91,000
Toronto District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 19	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25/27	246,300
Waterloo Region District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 26/27	62,936
York Catholic District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25	56,100
York Region District School Board	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 25/26	120,000
QUEBEC	Varies	Varies	Jan. 6/7	February 28*	March 10*	June 21*	
Commission scolaire de la Capitale	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	February 28	March 11	June 23	21,375
Commission scolaire de Laval	Varies	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 24	49,412
Commission scolaire de Montréal	Aug. 28	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 24	67,879
Commission scolaire des Affluents	Aug. 27	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 21	March 3	June 20	34,000
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Aug. 28	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 23	49,000

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English Montreal School Board	Aug. 28	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 23	20,043
Lester B. Pearson School Board	Aug. 29	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 23	25,000
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	Aug. 30*	Dec. 20*	Jan. 6*	February 28*	March 10*	June 20*	14,084
NEWFOUNDLAND	Sept. 4	Dec. 20*	Jan 6*	March 28*	April 8*	June 26	
District 5 - Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 26	361
Eastern School District	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	April 17	April 28	June 26	40,673
NEW BRUNSWICK	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6/7	February 28	March 10	June 20	
District scolaire francophone Sud	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 20	13,169
Anglophone East School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	February 28	March 10	June 20	15,743
Anglophone South School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	February 28	March 10	June 20	12,166
Anglophone West School District	Sept. 3	Dec. 20	Jan. 7	February 28	March 10	June 20	12,078
NOVA SCOTIA	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 30	
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board	Sept. 4/5	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 30	14,000
Cape Breton-Victoria	Sept. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	March 8	March 18	June 28	13,700
Chignecto-Central Regional School Board	Sept. 5	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 6	March 17	June 28	22,823
Conseil scolaire acadien provincial	Sept. 5	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 28	4,582
Halifax Regional School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 6	March 7	March 17	June 30	51,993
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Sept. 5	Dec. 20	Jan. 2	March 14	March 24	June 25	
Commission scolaire de langue française de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard	Sept. 5	Dec. 20	Jan. 2	March 14	March 24	June 25	817
English Language School Board	Sept. 4	Dec. 20	Jan. 2	March 14	March 24	June 25	19,740

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	Varies across the territory
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 31– April 4
ONTARIO	March 7– 14
QUÉBEC	Varies across the province
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	April 18 – 25
NEW BRUNSWICK	March 3 – 7
NOVA SCOTIA	March 10 – 14
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	March 17 – 21

Note: The dates may vary across school boards.

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PRESCRIBED HOLIDAYS

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 2	THANKSGIVING DAY OCTOBER 14	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11	GOOD FRIDAY April 18	EASTER MONDAY APRIL 21	VICTORIA DAY MAY 19	OTHER/NOTES
YUKON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	August 19, 2013 is Discovery Day and Heritage Day (Feb. 21) are statutory holidays
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. 17) is a statutory holiday Farmers Day - Optional
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓**	✓	X	✓	Family day (Feb. 17) is a statutory holiday
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓**	✓	X	✓	Louis Riel Day (Feb. 17) is a statutory holiday
ONTARIO	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	Family day (Feb. 17) is a statutory holiday
QUÉBEC	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	January 2 and St-Jean-Baptiste (June 24) are statutory holidays
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	There are two one day holidays: February 17 th and March 17 th .
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Islander Day (Feb. 17) 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
YUKON	8	20	22	20	15	20	19	11	20	21	7	-	180*
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	6	20	22	20	15	20	20	11	20	21	17	22	192*
NUNAVUT	Varies across the territory by local District Education Authority												195
BRITISH COLUMBIA	19	20	22	20	15	20	19	21	20	21	21	22	240*
ALBERTA	Varies across the province by school board												200
SASKATCHEWAN	-	20	22	20	16	22	19	21	21	21	21	-	203*
MANITOBA	-	20	22	20	15	20	19	20	17	21	20	-	194
ONTARIO	-	20	22	21	15	20	19	16	20	21	21	-	195*
QUÉBEC	2	19	21	19	15	18	19	15	18	19	15	-	180*
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	190***
NEW BRUNSWICK	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	20	15	-	185**
NOVA SCOTIA	-	20	22	20	15	20	20	16	20	21	21	-	195
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-	17	20	18	15	21	18	15	19	20	19	-	182

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

** 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.

*** Detailed information on the number of instructional days for each month is not yet available.



EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	EDUCATION WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	Y	April 14 – 17, 2014	Theme TBA
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	Feb 24 – 28	Theme TBA
NUNAVUT	Y	3 rd week of April	Theme TBA
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	March 3 – 7, 2014	Theme TBA
ALBERTA	Y	May 5 – 9, 2014	Theme TBA
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	October 20-26	Theme TBA. Contact Daniel Bean for further information at a later date (306) 787-7598.
MANITOBA	Y	April 14 – 18	Theme TBA
ONTARIO	Y	May 5 – 9	Theme TBA
QUÉBEC	N		
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	March 5 – 8	Theme TBA by the NL Teacher's Association. Will be posted on NLTA website as soon as approved. NLTA, 2 Kenmount Road, St. John's, NL A1B 1W1, 709-726-3222
NEW BRUNSWICK	N/A	N/A	
NOVA SCOTIA	Y	TBA	Theme TBA. For more information, contact the Nova Scotia School Boards Association (902) 491-2856.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Y	First week of November	Early Childhood Education Week

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced



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TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY/WEEK	DATES	NOTES
YUKON	Y	Oct. 5	Theme TBA
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Y	N/A	Organized in conjunction with NWTTA (Northwest Territories Teachers' Association). Resources are distributed to schools. Contact person would be Colleen Eckert at the NWTTA, (867) 873-8501.
NUNAVUT	Y	3 rd week of April	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Y	May 6, 2014	
ALBERTA	N		
SASKATCHEWAN	Y	2 nd week of Feb.	It is administrated through an external organization. Contact Daniel Bean for further information (306) 787-7598. For media inquiries, please contact (306) 787-1069.
MANITOBA	N		
ONTARIO	Y	Oct. 5	Do not observe Teacher Appreciation Week in May, but celebrate World Teacher's Day in October. Ontario celebrate Teacher's Excellence with the help of the Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence. Visit http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/teachingawards/ for more information.
QUÉBEC	Y	N/A	For information contact Joce-Lyne Biron (418) 643-2948, ext. 3012, or visit our web site at http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/dftps/ (Valorisation de la profession enseignante)
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Y	Week of St. Valentine's Day	Organized by the Canadian Home and School Federation and supported by the provincial Federation of School Councils, P.O. Box 23140, St. John's, NL A1B 4J9, (709) 834-7300
NEW BRUNSWICK	Y	Feb. 9-15	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. 9-15	

N/A: Not available

TBA: To be announced

Note: October 5th is the World Teachers' Day

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL FISCAL YEAR

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	START	END
YUKON	April 1	March 31
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	July 1	June 30
NUNAVUT	April 1	March 31
BRITISH COLUMBIA	July 1	June 30
ALBERTA	September 1	August 31
SASKATCHEWAN	April 1	March 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



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NOTES

YUKON

Yukon schools have the choice of an August or September date. This results in varying finish dates. Yukon schools also have the choice of a one week or a two week Spring break. This also contributes to the differing end dates for students. However, the break must fall between March 17 and March 28, 2014.

There are 180 student days plus 6 non-instructional days. Yukon having two start dates, the above numbers reflect the August start. The September start date has the same total number of days, 180 plus 6.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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 485 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 be outside the regular scheduled hours, for such things as cultural activities on the land, curricular related field trips, or parent/teacher/student interviews.

NOTES (continued)

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. School years are established by the District Education Authorities (DEA) in each community.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

All 60 BC 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 in BC have the ability to set local school calendars across the calendar year so long as minimum hours of instruction are met. There are no “bookends” to the school year. All of the standard holidays listed are observed by all BC school districts.

ALBERTA

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 school 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 inclusion of 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 per 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

Boards of education in Saskatchewan set their own opening and closing dates for the school year keeping in mind the following: a) Students must begin school after Labour Day, teachers may begin prior to Labour Day; b) The number of days in the 2013-14 school year which is set at 203 days (different from the number of days students are in classrooms due to teachers' professional days); c) The Christmas vacation to commence no later than December 23 and end no earlier than January 2; d) There shall be a spring vacation shall consist of not more than five consecutive days . Days chosen will be the prerogative of the board of education and e) 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.

Each school year, every board of Education or conseil scolaire shall provide at 950 hours of instructional times for grades 1 to 12 and 450 hours for kindergarten. For 2013-14, the number of instructional days in the school year ranges from 191-197, dependant on length of day.

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.

MANITOBA

The school year must consist of 196 days and may begin no earlier than September 3, 2013. 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, 2013 or earlier as determined by the school board, and extend to January 2, 2014 inclusive, or later as determined by the school board. For the 2013-2014 school year, all divisions will be closed for the Christmas vacation period from December 20, 2013 until January 6, 2014.

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 17, 2014). The spring vacation will be one week beginning the last Monday in March (March 31 to April 4, 2014 inclusive). School boards may add to, but not delete from, statutory holidays and spring break as long as the 194 school days requirement is met. The last day of classes must be no later than June 27, 2014.



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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 2013-14, then, the number of instructional days for teachers would be 184. 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.

ONTARIO

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. 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 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.

Boards can request a modified school year which could include instructional days in July and/or August. There are 21 days available in August 2013 and 22 days available in July 2014.

QUÉBEC

The number of work days for teachers is a maximum of 200 days spread between September 1st and June 30th. 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 30th, but can start before September.



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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates for the school year but the school calendar is set by the school district. School districts are currently reorganized. The four English school Boards will amalgamate to form one as of September 1, 2013. There is also one provincial French school board.

The information provided is for the new English board, which is the larger of the two. The total number of instructional days is set by the Department of Education. Detailed information on the number of instructional days for each month is not yet available. The schedule for professional development days and non-instructional days will be set by the new board.

Other holidays for the 2013-2014 school year: November 8, 2013. Boards have authority to set their holiday schedule.

NEW BRUNSWICK

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, 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 and Early Childhood Development under Regulation of Education Act. School districts only have authority to schedule non-instructional days where it is specifically granted by the Minister (1 day for NBTA/AEFNB Branch Meetings, 2 days for Pedagogical Focused on Curriculum and 2 days for Administrative Days and Professional Development Activities).



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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 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 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 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.
