



2018-2019 Regular and Year-Round Calendars Considerations/Highlights – November 2017

The following considerations and highlights provide rationale and background for the 2018-2019 regular and year round school calendars.

School Year Information

- 196.5 Operational Days
- Regular and Year Round Instructional Days (Kindergarten to Grade 9 – 182 total days: Grades 10-12 – 183.0 total days (Semester 1 – 91 days, Semester 2 – 92 days)


How is the calendar created?

- An advisory committee made up of school principals, district staff (Instructional Services, Transportation, Human resources, Information Technology, Communications), ATA Local 55 and Administrative Council meet regularly to design calendars for the current and future years. The school calendar is created based on Alberta School Act legislation, district procedures and needs, school and district website feedback provided by parents, students, teachers and staff.

Calendar Feedback

- In the Fall of 2017, extensive feedback for the creation of the 2018-2019 calendar was sought out through Internet surveys, Student Advisory Committee, Teacher Advisory Committee, School Councils, School/Department Staff, Board of Trustees and individuals in the community.

What revisions occurred due to the feedback received?

- Moved the Nov. 12 (K-9) PD day to Nov. 2 (K-12)  and expanded to include High School. Rational – solves the concern around students missing classes on Friday, November 2 (The day between Faith Day and the weekend).
- Moved the March PT Conferences (K-9)/PD Day (Gr.10-12) from March 22 to March 15. Rational – supports the success of Parent-Teacher interviews.
- Moved the April 26 (K-9) PD Day/PT Conferences (Gr.10-12) to April 23. Rational – Limits the disruption to the flow of school days.

First Day of Classes

- Regular calendar students begin on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – Year-Round calendar students start Thursday, August 2, 2018.
- Regular calendar teachers start on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 – Year-Round calendar teachers start Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

K-9 Parent Conferences – Friday, September 21, 2018

- Having interviews during the third week of school allows an opportunity for classes to be finalized in case of reorganization due to student enrolment.

Professional Development Days/Parent Teacher Conferences

Based on past positive feedback from parents and staff, the calendars continue to combine PD dates with long weekends where appropriate

- October 5, 2018 - K-12 PD Day
- May 17, 2019 – K-12 PD Day

Remembrance Day

- This year November 11 falls on a Sunday, therefore there is no day off school.
- In alignment with the Remembrance Day Act, Schools will recognize Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Break

- Begins at the completion of a full instructional day on Friday, December 21, 2018. Having a full day of classes rather than a half day is fiscally responsible for transportation services and balanced for kindergarten programs. Note: Where Christmas falls very close to Christmas break then consideration is given to not having school on the Friday before the break.
- Christmas break, on the regular calendar, will be 16 days comprised of two full weeks and three weekends.
- Regular schools return on January 7, 2019.
- Year-Round schools return on January 14, 2019.

Spring and Easter Break

- For this calendar year, Easter falls in the third week of April; thus, there are separate Spring and Easter breaks.
- For regular students, Spring Break will be from March 23-March 31, 2019.
- For all students, Easter Break will be from Good Friday, April 19 – April 22, 2019.
- Holy Thursday will be full day of classes. Note: Holy Thursday begins with the evening Mass during which we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood and Christ's command to love. It is the beginning of the Easter Triduum, our holiest days in the Church year, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord.

Final Day of Classes - June 27, 2019

- June 27, 2019 is the last day of classes for students.
- June 28, 2019 A.M. is a 1/2 day for Teacher Organization.

Year-Round Calendar

- Fall Break - October 8 to October 22, 2018 preceded by PD day on October 5.
- Christmas Break - December 22 to January 13.
- Spring Break will be from March 23 - April 7, 2019.
- Easter Break will be from Good Friday, April 19 – April 22, 2019.