

Approved: March 24, 1999;  
Amended: March 13, 2007;  
Amended March 18, 2008;  
Amended May 26, 2009;  
Amended January 12, 2010;  
Amended: April 19, 2011;  
Amended February 26, 2013;  
Amended: March 22, 2016  
Amended: April 23, 2024

## **601.2.1 School Year**

### **Policy**

The school year calendar shall outline the start and end dates for teachers and students, professional learning and preparation days for teachers, holiday and other designated breaks, and parent-teacher interview dates. Calendars for employee groups shall be determined after the school year calendar is approved.

### **Regulations**

1. Each school year shall provide for a minimum of 1000 hours of instruction for high school students, a minimum of 950 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 through 9, and 475 hours for kindergarten.
2. Each school year shall normally:
  - 2.1. provide for five days for teachers prior to the date students begin attending;
  - 2.2. have students begin classes on the day following Labour Day;
  - 2.3. Provide for a non-operational day in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;
  - 2.4. provide for a two week Christmas/Winter break that begins after the last Friday prior to Christmas Eve;
  - 2.5. provide for a Family Day break on the Tuesday and Wednesday following Family Day;
  - 2.6. provide for a ten day Easter/Spring break beginning on Good Friday;
  - 2.7. provide for two half days for parent teacher interviews in the Fall, and one half day for parent teacher interviews in the Spring.
3. Breaks from instruction and days assigned for professional learning, preparation, or parent-teacher interviews will be common for all schools, when possible.
4. An instructional day is any day in which all students are expected to be in attendance for all or part of the day and includes:
  - 4.1. normal school days with students in attendance;
  - 4.2. Fridays;
  - 4.3. Mondays to Thursdays in which part of the day is used for parent-teacher interviews; and
  - 4.4. examination days at the secondary level.

### **601.2.1 School Year Cont'd...**

5. Examinations shall be scheduled with intention to minimize loss of classroom instruction.
  - 5.1. Provincial assessments shall be administered as per provincial guidelines.
6. Each school year calendar requires Board approval prior to implementation. Approval for the following calendar year shall normally occur within January of the current calendar year.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

#### **References**

Education Act:	33, 53, 60, 205
Other:	Employment Standards Code, Employee Collective Agreements