

2010-2011 Calendar Draft Comparisons

Calendar Draft A	Calendar Draft B
School starts as early as allowed by state law (August 23, 2010).	School starts as early as allowed by state law (August 23, 2010).
School ends on June 1 (shortly after the Memorial Day holiday).	School ends on June 1 (shortly after the Memorial Day holiday).
There are 23 official school holidays, same as in previous years.	There are 23 official school holidays, same as in previous years.
First semester ends before Winter Break.	First Semester ends before Winter Break.
Teachers start work one week before students, with 3 staff development and 2 planning/prep days.	Teachers start work one week before students, with 3 staff development and 2 planning/prep days.
Teachers work a total of 187 days.	Teachers work a total of 187 days.
Students attend school a total of 175 days.	Students attend school a total of 175 days.
<p>The difference of 12 days between the student schedule and teacher schedule is used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 staff development days ▪ 2 staff development (secondary)/conference (elementary) days ▪ 4 planning/prep days 	<p>The difference of 12 days between the student schedule and teacher schedule is used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 staff development days ▪ 2 staff development (secondary)/conference (elementary) days ▪ 4 planning/prep days
The placement of staff development and planning/prep days is very similar to the 2009-2010 calendar.	The placement of staff development and planning/prep days is very similar to the 2009-2010 calendar.
<p>The features of both calendar drafts above this line are identical.</p> <p>The differences between the two calendar drafts are described below.</p>	
<p>Includes the traditional placement holidays at Thanksgiving and Winter Break:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 days at Thanksgiving ▪ 10 days for Winter Break 	<p>Moves two holidays from Winter Break to Thanksgiving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 days at Thanksgiving (full week off for students and staff) ▪ 8 days for Winter Break (Winter Break also starts and ends later, providing a slightly better balance of student days between semesters)

Information related to a late-start calendar:

- In recent years, there has been considerable discussion about the possibility of starting school later than currently required by state law.
- In the meetings on October 7 and October 14, 2009 the calendar committee chair raised the question of a late-start calendar draft for committee members to consider for 2010-11.
- From the general discussion of this issue on October 7, 2009 there appeared to be no support from committee members for a late-start calendar draft.
- In the meeting on October 14, 2009 the committee voted unanimously (17-0) not to provide a late-start calendar draft option for 2010-11. Everyone was in agreement that the best 2010-11 calendar for students involved starting school on August 23, 2010, the earliest date allowed by state law.
- A survey of 7 local Districts found that 6 Districts started school in 2009-10 as early as allowed by state law. One local District started one day later.
- A survey of 9 urban Districts found that all Districts started school in 2009-10 as early as allowed by state law.