

## Calendar Development Explanatory Comments

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- 1 Legislation 163 requires classes to start after labour day, unless labour day is on the 5th or later then the Minister will order the student starting day. Last day of the school year must be no later than June 30th
- 2 Regulation 28 requires 950 hours of instruction. Decision several years ago was to provide 183 instructional days at 315min/day for 960.75 hours of instruction. Allows for 10.75 hours of non-instructional assemblies, activities etc. with students
- 3 Provincial Collective Bargaining Teachers Agreement stipulates that a teachers work calendar cannot exceed 1044 hours. Our calendar provides 194 school days at 315min/day for a total of 1018.5 hours to allow time for exceptional circumstances if required
- 4 Regulation 24 requires vacation at Christmas starting no later than Dec. 23 and ending no earlier than January 2; a spring vacation of no more than 5 consecutive days; and a summer vacation of at least 6 consecutive weeks
- 5 Regulation 23 requires no school on: Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Remembrance Day. When Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday following that day is to be observed as holiday
- 6 CUPE agreement stipulates that Easter Monday is a holiday for CUPE staff and so no schools that day
- 7 There is no regulation for when the spring vacation occurs, or even if one occurs. SRPSD traditionally has two - one in February and one in April around Easter.
- 8 There is no limitation for when we put PLC days or the Days in Lieu of PTIs. We can place them where the needs of the system fit, but one at end of semester 1 really helps high schools with semester turnaround. NOTE that PLC days on Fridays occasionally mean that some coaches will miss some or all of the afternoon PD and players will need to find ride to school to travel with the team if competitions are scheduled in the afternoon that day. Alternatively, Friday PLCs is a benefit because teams do not miss instruction, and reduced costs because no subs required for coaches.
- 9 It is helpful (necessary) to balance the number of instructional days in each semester. This provides balanced instruction between classes that are in both semesters.
- 10 It is helpful to put a PLC right after the last departmental exam in Jan. and call that end of semester BUT a midweek PLC is often not appreciated by parents. High schools can determine semester end individually.
- 11 It is helpful to have 1 of the "Days in lieu of PTIs" in each semester so we can better manage the contract of teachers who work in only one of the semesters