

2000-2001 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	FALL TERM OPENING	WINTER CLOSING	SPRING TERM OPENING	SPRING CLOSING	SPRING REOPENING	SUMMER CLOSING
YUKON TERRITORIES	Aug. 22 - Sep. 11	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision	Local decision	May 31 - Jun. 22
Whitehorse	e: Aug. 28 s: Sep. 5	e: Dec. 21 s: Dec. 18	e: Jan. 2 s: Jan. 2	e: Mar. 19 s: Mar. 19	e: Mar. 23 s: Mar. 23	e: Jun. 13 s: Jun. 22
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Local Decision	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 26	Jun. 27
Yellowknife	Aug. 23 (teachers) Aug. 28 (students)	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 26	Jun. 27
NUNAVUT	The dates are different for every school (see notes)					
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	Jun. 28
Greater Victoria	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	Jun. 29
Vancouver	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	Jun. 29
ALBERTA	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision
Calgary	Aug. 30	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Apr. 12	Apr. 23	Jun. 29
Edmonton Catholic	Aug. 31	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 23	Apr. 2	Jun. 29
SASKATCHEWAN	Board decision	No later than Dec. 23	No earlier than Jan. 3	Apr. 12	Apr. 23	Board decision
MANITOBA	Aug. 28 - 29	No later than Dec. 22	No earlier than Jan. 2	Mar. 23	Apr. 2	Jun. 28-29
Winnipeg	Aug. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 23	Apr. 2	Jun. 29
ONTARIO	Sep. 1, or else board decision	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 19	Jun. 29, or else board decision
TDSB	Sept. 5	Dec. 22	No later than Jan 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 19	No later than Jun. 29

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QUEBEC	Aug. 28 - Sep. 8	Dec. 23	Jan. 3	Apr. 12	Apr. 17	Jun. 21-22
Capitale	Aug. 30	Dec. 22	Jan. 9	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 22
Central Quebec	Aug. 31	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 22
CSDM	Sep. 1	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 20 or 29
English Montreal	Aug. 24	Dec. 21	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 29
NEWFOUNDLAND	Sept. 5	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision	Board decision	Jun. 22
Avalon East	Sep. 6	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Apr. 12	Apr. 23	Jun. 21
NEW BRUNSWICK	Sep. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 22
School Districts 6 & 8	Sep. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 22
School Districts 17 & 18	Sep. 5	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Jun. 22
NOVA SCOTIA	Sep. 1	Dec. 20-22	Jan 2-3	Apr. 12	Apr. 17	Jun. 29
Halifax Regional	Sep. 1	Dec. 22	Jan. 4	Mar. 9	Mar. 19	Jun. 29
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	Sep. 6	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	Mar. 16	Mar. 26	Jun. 29

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PRESCRIBED HOLIDAYS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	LABOUR DAY SEP. 4	THANKSGIVING DAY OCT. 9	REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV. 13	GOOD FRIDAY APR. 13	EASTER MONDAY APR. 16	VICTORIA DAY MAY. 21	OTHER
YUKON TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Heritage Day (Feb. 23)
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NUNAVUT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ALBERTA	✓	✓	Board decision	✓	Board decision	✓	Family day (Feb.)
SASKATCHEWAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
MANITOBA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local decision	✓	
ONTARIO	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
QUEBEC	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	Saint-Jean Baptiste (Jun. 25)
NEWFOUNDLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
NEW BRUNSWICK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Loyalist Day (May)
NOVA SCOTIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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WORK DAYS

TERRITORY/PROVINCE	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	POSSIBLE WORK DAYS
YUKON TERRITORIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	178-190
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185 -190
NUNAVUT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	195
BRITISH COLUMBIA	-	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	22	21	-	194
ALBERTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	185-190
Calgary Catholic	4	20	21	22	15.5	18	19	22	14.5	22	20.5	-	198.5
SASKATCHEWAN	18	20	21	22	16	21	20	22	15	22	21	-	218
Saskatoon	3	21	21	21	16	18	17	22	15	22	21	-	197
MANITOBA	-	20	21	22	16	22	20	17	20	22	21	-	200 max.
Winnipeg No. 1	-	23	21	22	15	18	20	17	20	22	21	-	199
ONTARIO	-	20	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	21	-	196
TDSB	-	19	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	20	-	194
QUEBEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	200
Capitale	6	20	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	19	-	200
CSDM	7	20	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	18	-	200
English Montreal	6	20	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	20	-	200
NEWFOUNDLAND	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Board decision
Avalon East	-	19	21	20	16	18	19	21	15	22	16	-	187
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	22	19	-	195
School Districts 6 & 8	4	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	22	18	-	195
School District 17 & 18	4	19	21	21	16	18	20	17	19	22	18	-	195
NOVA SCOTIA	-	19	21	21	14	21	20	17	19	22	21	-	195
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-	19	21	22	16	18	20	17	19	22	21	-	195

N/A: Not available

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EDUCATION WEEK

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	DOES THIS REGION OBSERVE AN EDUCATION WEEK?	DATES	NOTES
YUKON TERRITORIES	No		
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	Yes	Mar. 26-30	
NUNAVUT	Yes	TBA*	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Yes	Mar. 5-9	
ALBERTA	Yes	Apr. 29 - May 2	
SASKATCHEWAN	Yes	TBA*	In October
MANITOBA	Yes	Apr. 16-20	
ONTARIO	Yes	May 7-11	
QUEBEC	No		
NEWFOUNDLAND	Yes	Mar. 3-9	
NEW BRUNSWICK	No		
NOVA SCOTIA	Yes	Apr. 22-28	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	No		

* TBA: To be announced

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YUKON TERRITORY

In Yukon, every school council and school board can set its own calendar. In Northern Yukon, where days last long in June, most schools are out the first week of June. The duration of the school day varies from 5 hours to 5 hours and 20 minutes. Consequently, the total number of school days varies from 178 to 190. All Yukon students attend school for the prescribed 950 hours of instruction required by the *Education Act*. The school calendars recognise statutory holidays such as Labour Day, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Heritage Day (February 23), Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Victoria Day. School openings range from Aug. 22 to Sept. 7. School councils, in consultation with staff, may declare other local holidays, so long as the total of 950 instructional hours is met.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

School years are set by each district education authority (DEA). At present there are 58 DEAs and each has set a school year calendar that is unique to the needs of the community it serves. Some school years start in late July and end as early as the second week in May. The *Education Act* does not set a required number of days, but establishes the number of hours of instruction that must be provided to students in each academic year. For kindergarten, the required number of hours is no more than 570 hours, for grades 1 through 6, no less than 997 hours, and for grades 7-12, no less than 1,045 hours. Teachers are required to provide instruction up to the required number of hours of the *Education Act* for the grades they teach. Through the collective agreement, the total number of days of instruction is not to exceed 195, of which 5 are for professional development. District education authorities have the flexibility to add additional holidays for local purposes when required.

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. Nunavut is a new territory and is still in the process of establishing territory-wide procedures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Lieutenant Governor on Council sets a standard school calendar. This school year, there is a minimum of 187 days of instruction. A local school board may adopt, with the approval of the parents and board employees assigned to a school, a school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar for one or more schools in its district. Local school calendars must provide for a minimum of 40 weeks of schooling in the school year and each school week must offer the required minimum hours of instruction as set out in the regulation. For the 2000-2001 school year, the standard school calendar prescribes a minimum of 194 days in session. These days are made up of 187 days of instruction, six non-instructional days, and one administrative day (year-end). In addition to the statutory holidays, the standard school calendar provides for a winter vacation period and a spring vacation period.

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ALBERTA

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 winter 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 students. The *School Act* states that teachers shall not be required 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 teachers agree to additional hours/days. Thus the number of working days possible for teachers is variable each month. The spring and Christmas breaks, board-declared holidays, 2 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 1 day a 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, Remembrance Day, and Farmers' Day may be observed at the discretion of the local school board.

SASKATCHEWAN

Boards of education in Saskatchewan set their own opening and closing dates for the school year keeping in mind the following: (a) the number of days in the 2000-2001 school year is 197; (b) the Christmas vacation must commence no later than December 23 and end no earlier than January 2, both days inclusive; (c) there shall be a spring vacation consisting of the five days following Easter Sunday; and (d) a summer vacation must consist of at least six consecutive weeks from the last school day in one school year to the first school day in the following school year, and must end no earlier than the First Monday in August.

Easter Monday is not a prescribed holiday, but it falls during the spring vacation which consists of the five days immediately following Easter Sunday. Remembrance Day is a holiday only if it falls on a school day (Monday to Friday). No holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day falling on a Saturday or a Sunday is required, but is provided for by most boards of education. A board of education may declare any day, but not more than one day at a time, to be a holiday. Any day proclaimed by the Governor General, Lieutenant Governor, the mayor of a city, town or village, or the reeve of a rural municipality shall be a school holiday.

MANITOBA

School year must consist of 200 school days. School boards may set the opening and closing dates for the school year. December 22 is the latest the Fall term can conclude. The Christmas vacation period is to begin no later than the end of classes on December 22 and extend, at minimum, to the start of classes on January 2. The Spring vacation consists of five days beginning the last Monday in March. The Summer vacation can be no less than six weeks beginning July 1. School boards offering an extended Christmas break will likely have to open in August in order to get in the required 200 school days. School boards may add to, but not delete from statutory holidays and mandatory Spring break as long as the 200 school days requirements is met.

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ONTARIO

A school board shall begin the school year on or after September 1 and end on or before June 30. The number of potential school days available within these limits will always exceed the required minimum 194 school days. The school days exceeding 194 must be designated by the board as board holidays. A minimum of 190 instructional days, including 10 examination days, is required, with up to four professional activity days. This provides boards with limited flexibility unless they choose to submit a modified school year calendar to the Minister for approval. Other school holidays: all statutory holidays (except Remembrance Day) and if the head of the municipality in which a school is situated proclaims a school day as a civic holiday, the school may close any of its schools on such a day. There are also possible 21 working days in July and possible 22 working days in August for boards with schools that operate on a year-round calendar and/or modified calendar.

QUEBEC

Each school board can establish its own school calendar just as long as there is a minimum of 180 days devoted to teaching activities and student services. The working year for teachers consists of 200 working days from September 1 to June 30. A school board and the union can agree to change the start and the end of the school year for teachers or a group of teachers, but in no case can the number of holidays to which teachers are entitled can be modified. The days following New Years Day and the Saint-Jean Baptiste are statutory holidays.

NEWFOUNDLAND

The Department of Education sets the opening and closing dates for the school year. The dates and length of holiday periods are determined by each school board. The Christmas vacation is usually 8-10 school days. Most school boards take an Easter break of approximately six school days. The length of the school year is 190 days, composed of the 185 instructional days, three paid holidays, and two non-teaching days for administrative purposes. Each teacher may receive up to five days as professional development days. School boards may grant additional professional development days from a bank of one day per teacher employed by the board. Statutory holidays are observed, and school boards may declare further provided schools are open for 185 days.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Six additional days for teachers include two days or subject council meetings outside the instructional year and four days to be scheduled by school districts for administrative and professional development activities. Schools in Saint John close on Loyalist Day (in May).

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NOVA SCOTIA

The Christmas vacation consists of Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and not fewer than ten school days. The dates of the September opening, the Christmas vacation and the closing of school in June must be chosen to provide a total of 195 working days for teachers. The number of working days in any one month may vary slightly from school board to school board. No more than eight days may be used for organisational and administrative purposes or for in-service training programs. All teachers must be present on the days used for organisational and administrative purposes or in-service training programs, but pupils are not required to be present. When the 195th school day in any school year falls on a Monday, a board may declare that it will be observed on the Saturday immediately preceding the Monday. School boards may also declare holidays subject to the approval of the Minister of Education.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The regulations set 185 instructional days for students and 195 school days for teachers. This provides for a maximum of ten professional days, including an orientation day for teachers at the start of the school year 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. Teachers will conduct a provincial development day on November 10 this year. Students do not attend. The Minister of Education may vary the calendar for a school or school board upon application by a school board.