



February 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, February 28, 2020 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/2020-2021SchoolCalendarSurvey.aspx>

We anticipate that the finalized 2020/2021 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resources

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Attachments

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2020-2021 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2020/2021
Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days September 1– 3)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 29
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 5
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

The Calendar for 2020-2021 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction will be:

- Kindergarten 878 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 314 minutes X 182)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2020/2021 CALENDAR

JULY						
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SEPTEMBER						
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JUNE						
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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



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