



February 4, 2019

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 2019-2020 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 Thursday, February 28, 2019 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/2019-2020SchoolCalendarSurvey.aspx>

We anticipate that the finalized 2019/2020 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
Director of Instruction - Human Resources

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Attachments

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2019/2020
Days in session	191 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 27– 29)
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	September 3
Administrative Implementation Day (revised curriculum)	October 11
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 14
Teacher Professional Day	October 25
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 11
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday, December 20
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 23 – January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Tuesday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Family Day	Monday, February 17
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 21
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday, March 13
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 16 - March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	April 10
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 13
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26
Schools close	Friday, June 26

The Calendar for 2019-2020 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The hours of instruction will be:

- Kindergarten 878 hours (based on 287 minutes X 184)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 287 minutes X 184)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 311 minutes X 184)

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

2019/2020 CALENDAR

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