

**SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY**

Standard School Year Calendar – Later Start

I. PURPOSE

To establish a method for determining the standard school year calendar.

II. DEFINITION

The Standard School Year Calendar is a set of rules adhered to every year in a consistent manner so that anyone - school board member, teacher, student, administrator, parent - can know the arrangement of the school year calendar in any future year. These rules take into account all state requirements and negotiated holidays. The primary consideration in developing the Standard School Year Calendar is what is best for students.

III. PROCEDURES

The rules shall be revised appropriately if there are changes in requirements.

IV. LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR

A. Number of Days

The school year consists of 180 days of class for students and 196 days of employment for teachers.

B. First Day for Students

~~The first student day of the school year shall be no more than 90 student days prior to winter vacation, but not earlier than the second week of August.~~

~~(Section 1003.621, F.S., provides high performing school districts with flexibility in meeting specific requirements in statute and rules of the State Board of Education. Each academically high performing school district is exempt from provisions in Chapters 1000-1013 including Section 1001.42(4)(f), F.S., requiring district school boards to adopt policies for the opening of schools in the district no earlier than 14 days before Labor Day.)~~

The first day for students shall be no earlier than 14 days prior to Labor Day.

C. Semesters in the School Year

The school year is divided into two semesters approximately equal in length, ~~the first semester ending prior to winter vacation.~~

V. HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

A. Holidays

1. The following holidays are incorporated into the Standard School Year Calendar:

Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day.

2. When any of these occasions, except Veterans Day, falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday, respectively, is taken as the school holiday.

B. Thanksgiving Vacation

Thanksgiving vacation is based on the holiday of Thanksgiving Day. Other days are included in such a way that the vacation is 3 days.

C. Winter Vacation

Winter vacation is based on the holidays of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Other days are included in such a way that the vacation is not less than 10 school days.

- D. Spring Vacation  
Spring vacation is a full Monday-through-Friday week and will begin the last Monday of March.

VI. TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS AND WORKDAYS

- A. First Semester
  1. Teachers will report five workdays before the first student school day. The first five days at the beginning of the regular teacher contract period are preplanning days, one being a professional development day.
  2. A professional development day will be the ~~fourth~~ Monday ~~after the first day students report to school~~ following Labor Day.
  3. A professional development day will be the ~~second~~ third Friday in October.
  4. The first weekday after the end of the first semester will be designated as a teacher workday/student holiday.
  5. The first semester will have 99 contract days for teachers. These contract days will include paid holidays.
- B. Second Semester
  1. A professional development day will coincide with Presidents' Day.
  2. There will be at least one day of post planning following the last scheduled student day.
  3. Adjustments to the school year calendar will be made when appropriate to ensure that high school graduation ceremonies can be held on the weekend prior to the last day for students.
- C. No Classes for Students  
Students do not attend school on teacher workdays or professional development days.

VII. SUMMER SCHOOL STANDARD CALENDAR

- A. Length of Summer Session  
The days and hours per day of the summer session shall be established annually.
- B. First Day for Teachers  
Teachers have one workday preceding the beginning of the first day of class for students.

VIII. MAKE UP DAYS FOR SCHOOLS CLOSED DUE TO EMERGENCIES

Selected days will be identified in each school year calendar to be used as make up days for schools closed due to emergencies. Typically, these identified make up days will be previously scheduled teacher workdays.