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(Combined 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Calendars)  
April 15, 2014

2014-2015 School Calendar

The 2014-2015 academic school year is from August 1, 2014, to July 31, 2015.

The regular school term shall begin on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, and shall end on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

The following holidays and vacation days are mandatory:

- Labour Day (September 1)
- Thanksgiving Day (October 13)
- Remembrance Day (November 11)
- Christmas Vacation (December 22 to January 2 inclusive)
- February Holiday (February 16)
- Spring Break (March 16 to March 20 inclusive)
- Good Friday (April 3)
- Easter Monday (April 6)
- Victoria Day (May 18)

General

All students are required to be present commencing on the first instructional day of the school year. Where closing exercises are held for any school, they shall not be held prior to the evening of the 193rd day.

Of the 195 teacher days, no more than eight (8) days may be used for organizational and administrative purposes or for in-service training programs in accordance with the provisions of the Governor in Council Education Act Regulations, the Ministerial Education Act Regulations, and the Teachers’ Provincial Agreement. In addition, two, one-half days may be used for purposes of parent-teacher meetings.
All teachers are required to be present on the days used for organizational and administrative purposes or in-service training programs and parent-teacher meetings so provided. Students are not required to be present.

No more than nine (9) days in the school year may be allocated for examination purposes. Final examinations for grades 10-12 shall not begin prior to the five (5) days immediately preceding the end of the first semester and not prior to the 187th day.

A school, due to unusual circumstances, may wish to implement a school calendar that does not conform in all respects with the preceding provisions. Notwithstanding these provisions, the school may submit a request through the school board to the Senior Executive Director of Public Schools for approval.

### 2015-2016 School Calendar

The 2015-2016 academic school year is from August 1, 2015, to July 31, 2016.

The regular school term shall begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, and shall end on Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

The following holidays and vacation days are mandatory:

- Labour Day (September 7)
- Thanksgiving Day (October 12)
- Remembrance Day (November 11)
- Christmas Vacation (December 21 to January 1 inclusive)
- February Holiday (February 15)
- Spring Break (March 14 to March 18 inclusive)
- Good Friday (March 25)
- Easter Monday (March 28)
- Victoria Day (May 23)

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Hon. Karen Casey  
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

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