Education and Early Childhood Development

Policy and Information Release

This notice is intended for Regional Centres for Education (RCEs), Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), and principals. Please convey to all staff for whom this information is relevant.

June 2025

School Calendar 2026-2027

The 2026-2027 academic school year is from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

The regular school term shall begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, and shall end on Wednesday, June 30, 2027.

The following holidays and vacation days are mandatory:

- Labour Day (September 7)
- Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30)
- Thanksgiving Day (October 12)
- Remembrance Day (November 11)
- Holiday Break (December 22 to January 1 inclusive)
- Heritage Day (February 15)
- Spring Break (March 8 to March 12 inclusive)
- Good Friday (March 26)
- Easter Monday (March 29)
- Victoria Day (May 24)

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 (5:00 pm) of the 193rd day.

Of the 195 teaching days, no more than ten (10) days may be used for organizational and/or administrative purposes, in-service training programs, NSTU annual professional development, preparation of anecdotal student reports, and teacher-led professional activities 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 parent-teacher meetings.

All teachers are required to be present on the ten (10) days noted above and the two, one-half days for parent-teacher meetings. Students are not required to be present on these days.

No more than nine (9) days in the school year may be allocated for examination purposes. Final examinations for grades 10 to 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 of the school year.

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 RCE/CSAP to the Regional Education Officer assigned to them.

2025-2026 School Calendar

To reconfirm dates previously released, the 2025–2026 academic school year is from August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026.

The regular school term shall begin Tuesday, September 2, 2025, and shall end Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

The following holidays and vacation days are mandatory:

- Labour Day (September 1)
- Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30)
- Thanksgiving Day (October 13)
- Remembrance Day (November 11)
- Holiday Break (December 23 to January 2 inclusive)
- Heritage Day (February 16)
- Spring Break (March 16 to March 20 inclusive)
- Good Friday (April 3)
- Easter Monday (April 6)
- Victoria Day (May 18)

Original signed by

Hon. Brendan Maguire

Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development