

2014-15 Approved School Year Calendar

Student Learning

The approved calendar prioritizes student engagement and learning as the major focus of our calendar decisions. Factors considered include:

- Attendance at school is a critical factor for student achievement.
- Student behavior escalation prior to long breaks and the end of each school year.
- Student learning “slump” that occurs after long breaks.
- Three full weeks in June for summer school opportunities.



Families

During registration, a parent survey was picked up by 355 families. Of those surveys, 152 were returned.

- 61% indicated that they are satisfied or very satisfied with the current school calendar.
- 15% indicated that they are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the current school calendar.
- 19% indicated that they are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the school calendar.
- 5% of our families did not answer this question.

A total of 22 comments were received in the comment box. Comments consistently expressed families' desire to have time off with the children. Comments also addressed how long breaks can be disruptive to families' schedules, as well as a desire to end earlier in June.

Approved Solution

The policy on attendance has been clarified for families, clearly allowing them to take advantage of the ten-day pre-excused rule for family trips taken at their convenience.

The approved 2014-15 annual calendar includes:

- an additional day for the break in April
- the last day of school is June 5
- a break is maintained between January and April
- the break in October is maintained
- a “snow day” in May is maintained
- a January day includes a half-day of students and full day for teachers

Continual monitoring of student learning and family concerns will occur.