



Informational Memo: 2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar

To: School Board
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2020-21 School Calendar Draft Update

The School Board was presented with a draft calendar for the 2020-2021 academic school year at its January 28, 2020 meeting. This draft calendar was created by the Calendar Committee comprised of teachers, administrators, parents and Board members.

Since sharing the draft 2020-2021 calendar at the January Board meeting, we corrected the date of Good Friday, as it falls on April 2, 2021 as opposed to April 9, 2021. This shift adds an additional student attendance day/teacher work day into the calendar, as Good Friday lands during spring break. The District must now modify the calendar to ensure teacher work days and student attendance days align with contracted agreements and state requirements. An updated draft calendar with these changes will be evaluated by the Calendar Committee in preparation for a March 17, 2020, Board approval.

When drafting the 2020-21 Calendar, the Committee reviewed the following:

1. State of Illinois school calendar requirements
2. Results of the District Staff Calendar Survey distributed just before Winter Break
3. 2020-2021 New Trier High School calendar
4. Committee representative input
5. Public input provided as part of the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the meeting agenda

Information that was considered included the following priorities:

1. Create a schedule such that there is an allowance for the potential use of emergency days.
2. Minimize the number of incomplete weeks during the school year in order to maximize instruction
3. Determine the observance of optional holiday attendance
4. Consider the timeframe for the first and last student attendance days of the year.

[Linked here](#) is the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar. The final calendar will be brought to the Board for adoption at the March 17, 2020, meeting.