

Instructional Student Calendar

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Information Report # 2

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Community Input on Instructional Calendar from 2016 Outreach

Online Survey

Group	Total Number in Group	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participation
Parents	40,000	1,099	2.7%
Staff (classified & certificated)	2,500	151	6.0%
Students	26,000	62	0.2%
Total	68,500	1,312	1.9%

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Community Meetings

School of Meeting	Number in Attendance
Glendale High School	35
Hoover High School	65
Crescenta Valley High School	150
Total	210 (0.3% of eligible attendees)

Findings of Community Outreach

Online Survey Findings:

1. Begin the instructional calendar in the third week of August or later.
2. Finish first semester prior to Winter Break.
3. Conduct Professional Development days outside the school year.

Community Meetings Findings:

1. Begin the instructional calendar in the third week of August or later.
2. Shorter Thanksgiving Break
3. Finish first semester prior to Winter Break.

Instructional Benefits for Earlier Start Date

Summer learning loss in academic skills and knowledge varies across grade level, subject matter, and family income. Learning loss during summer vacation is far worse for students of lower socio-economic status. Shortening the summer vacation period has been shown to reduce learning loss.

By having the first semester end prior to Winter Break, students and staff leave for Winter Break without being responsible for additional assignments to be completed during the vacation period.

Instructional Calendar Superintendent's Advisory Committee Final Findings

1. Begin the instructional calendar in the third week of August or later.
2. Finish first semester prior to Winter Break.

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As a result of these findings, the 2017-2018 calendar was negotiated with the Glendale Teachers Association and published with a start date of August 16, 2017, which is the third week of August. The first semester is completed prior to Winter Break with this calendar.

Comparison of Neighboring Districts Instructional Calendars

District	Glendale	Arcadia	Burbank	La Canada	Los Angeles	Pasadena	South Pasadena
Start Date	Aug. 16	Elem. –Aug. 17 Sec. – Aug. 16	Aug. 14	Aug. 14	Aug. 15	Aug. 14	Not Published Yet
Professional Development	4 days	2 days	5 days	2 days	1 day	5 days	
End Semester/ Trimester	Elem. – Nov. 9; Sec. – Dec. 22	Dec. 22	Elem. – Nov. 13; Sec – Dec. 22	Dec. 22			
Thanksgiving Break	5 days	5 days	3 days	5 days	5 days	5 days	
Winter Break	Dec. 22- Jan. 5	Dec. 22- Jan. 5	Dec. 25- Jan. 5	Dec. 22- Jan 5	Dec. 18- Jan. 5	Dec. 22- Jan. 5	
Second Semester Start							
	Jan. 8	Jan. 8	Jan. 8	Jan. 8	Jan. 8	Jan. 8	
Spring Break	March 19-23	April 2-6	March 19-23	March 26-30	March 26-30	March 19-23	
Extra Days Closed	Apr. 24	March 19	March 23 – AD		Sept. 1, 21, April 2		
February Days Off							
	2 days	1 day	2 days	2 days	1 day	2 days	
Last Day of Instruction	June 6	June 6	May 24	May 31	June 7	May 31	
Semester End Before Winter Break	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Semester Breakdown							
	84/96	84/99	86/94	87/95	80/100	86/94	
Student Days	180	183	180	182	180	180	
Teacher Work Days							
	186	186	187	186	182	186	

Similarities of Calendars

- All Districts begin the week of August 14, 2017
- All Districts end their first semester before Winter Break
- All District calendars recognize nine (9) legal holidays
- Each district uses its “California Admissions Day” holiday differently
- Five out of six districts take 5 days for Thanksgiving Break
- Four out of six districts begin Winter Break on December 22
- All districts begin second semester on January 8, 2018
- Four districts have a pupil free day at the end of the trimester/semester

Last Day of Instruction

- Glendale – June 6
- Arcadia – June 6
- Burbank – May 24
- La Canada – May 31
- Los Angeles – June 7
- Pasadena – May 31

Instructional and Teacher Work Days Comparison

Instructional Days

Glendale – 180

Arcadia – 183

Burbank – 180

La Canada – 182

Los Angeles – 180

Pasadena – 180

Teacher Work Days

Glendale – 186

Arcadia – 186

Burbank – 187

La Canada – 186

Los Angeles – 182

Pasadena – 186

Days in First and Second Semester

Glendale – 84 and 96

Arcadia – 84 and 99

Burbank – 86 and 94

La Canada – 87 and 95

Los Angeles – 80 and 100

Pasadena – 86 and 94

Teacher Professional Development Days

Glendale – 4 days

Arcadia – 2 days

Burbank – 5 days

La Canada – 2 days

Los Angeles – 1 day

Pasadena – 5 days

Legal Holidays Observed During School Year

- California Admissions Day (observed during Winter Break)
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Lincoln's Day (observed in February)
- President's Day
- Memorial Day

Additional Negotiated Local Holidays

- Independence Day (not observed during school year)
- Day after Thanksgiving Day
- Day before Christmas Day
- Day before New Year's Day
- April 24

Next Steps

- Discuss priorities of Board of Education
- Provide guidance to District staff in preparation of future instructional calendars beginning with 2018-2019

Questions
