



School District No. 59 (Peace River South)

To: Board of Education of SD59

From: Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction

Agenda Item: 2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar

The proposed calendar was developed in accordance with the requirements of the School Act and in consultation with Peace River South Teachers' Association. The calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around start, end, and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break. This language includes that Winter Break starts on the Monday preceding December 26 and that Spring Break starts on the third Monday in March.

Notably, the 2025-2026 calendar includes two consecutive district non-instructional days in October to allow for the professional development conference which occurs every three years.

Section 87.01 (7) of the *School Act* requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. During the consultation period, a board must provide parents and board employees the opportunity to comment on the proposed calendar before it is adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 31st.

Written feedback must be sent to Jan Proulx at japroulx@sd59.bc.ca before February 28, 2025 to be considered.

Jan Proulx
Director of Instruction

SD59 CALENDAR FOR 2025/2026 DRAFT

July-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Canada Day STAT	2 Break	3 Break	4 Break	5
6	7 Break	8 Break	9 Break	10 Break	11 Break	12
13	14 Break	15 Break	16 Break	17 Break	18 Break	19
20	21 Break	22 Break	23 Break	24 Break	25 Break	26
27	28 Break	29 Break	30 Break	31 Break		

August-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Break	2
3	4 BC Day STAT	5 Break	6 Break	7 Break	8 Break	9
10	11 Break	12 Break	13 Break	14 Break	15 Break	16
17	18 Break	19 Break	20 Break	21 Break	22 Break	23
24	25 Break	26 Break	27 Break	28 Break	29 Break	30
31						

September-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day STAT	2 NID Curriculum Implementation District	3 First Day for Students Start 2h late End 1h early	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation STAT			19 Instructional Days	

October-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving STAT	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 NID Pro-D Conference/District	28 NID Pro-D Conference/District	29	30	31	
					20 Instructional Days	

November-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 End of Quarter Secondary Schools	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day STAT	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Early Dismissal	20 Early Dismissal	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 NID Pro-D School	29
30					18 Instructional Days	

December-25						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 End of Term 1 Elementary Schools	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Winter Break Break	23 Winter Break Break	24 Winter Break Break	25 Christmas Day STAT	26 Boxing Day STAT	27
28	29 Winter Break Break	30 Winter Break Break	31 Winter Break Break		15 Instructional Days	

LEGEND	
13 Stat	Statutory or General Holidays
61 Break	Break Days (Winter, Spring or Summer)
8 NID	Non-Instructional Days (Prof Dev or Admin)

0 NIS	Not-In-Session Day (No School Activities)
179	Instructional Days

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January-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day STAT	2 Break	3
4	5 Schools Reopen	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 End of Semester 1 Secondary Schools	30 NID Pro-D School	31
					19 Instructional Days	

February-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Beginning of Semester 2 Secondary Schools	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Family Day STAT	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Early Dismissal	26 Early Dismissal	27	28
					19 Instructional Days	

March-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 End of Term 2 Elementary Schools	14
15	16 Break	17 Break	18 Spring Break Break	19 Break	20 Break	21
22	23 Break	24 Break	25 Spring Break Break	26 Break	27 Break	28
29	30 Schools Reopen	31				12 Instructional Days

April-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday STAT	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday STAT	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 End of Quarter Secondary Schools	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
					20 Instructional Days	

May-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NID Truth and Reconciliation	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day STAT	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						19 Instructional Days

June-26						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NID Pro-D School	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Last Day of Classes End of Sem 2 End of Term 3	26 NID Year End Admin Day	27
28	29 Break	30 Break				18 Instructional Days

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Tuesday, September 2	Non-Instructional Day: Curriculum Implementation Day
Wednesday, September 3	First Day for Students (arrival 2 hours late, dismissal 1 hour early)
Tuesday, September 30	National Day for Truth And Reconciliation STAT
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Day STAT
Mon & Tues, Oct. 27 & 28	Non-Instructional Days: Professional Development (Conference/District)
Tuesday, November 11	Remembrance Day STAT
Wed & Thurs, Nov 19 & 20	Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews
Friday, November 28	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Dec 22 to Jan 2	Winter Break (Collective Agreement language - Winter Break starts on the Monday directly preceding Boxing Day)
Monday, January 5	Schools Reopen
Friday, January 30	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Monday, February 16	Family Day STAT
Wed & Thurs, Feb 25 & 26	Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews
March 16 to March 27	Spring Break (Collective Agreement language - Spring Break starts on the third Monday in March)
Monday, March 30	Schools Reopen
Friday, April 3	Good Friday STAT
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday STAT
Friday, May 1	Non-Instructional Day: Truth and Reconciliation
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day STAT
Monday, June 1	Non-Instructional Day: Professional Development (School)
Thursday, June 25	Last Day of Attendance for Students
Friday, June 26	Non-Instructional Day: Year End Administrative Day

Notes

Kindergarten - required hours of instruction 853 minimum to allow for gradual entry in September

Elementary - required hours of instruction 878 minimum required 4 hours 55 minutes per day

Secondary - required hours of instruction 952 minimum required 5 hours 20 minutes per day

Total Instructional Days: 179

Elementary Terms

Term 1	Sept 3 to Dec 5 (62 instructional days)
Term 2	Dec 8 to Mar 13 (58 instructional days)
Term 3	Mar 30 to June 25 (59 instructional days)

Secondary Semesters

Semester 1	Sept 3 to Jan 29 (91 instructional days)
Semester 2	Feb 2 to June 25 (88 instructional days)