

February 26, 2014

ADOPT ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Adopt the academic school year calendar for elementary and high schools for the year 2014-2015.

DESCRIPTION: The calendar indicates holidays, teacher institute days, school improvement days, professional development days, and days when schools are closed for extended periods of time.

The effect of this action would be to establish a school year.

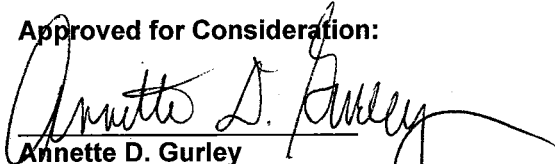
The 2014-2015 calendar includes 178 student attendance days, 4 Teacher Institute days, 3 School Improvement days, 2 Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pickup Days) and 3 Professional Development days.

LSC REVIEW: LSC review is not applicable to this report.


FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Not applicable.

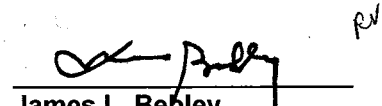
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2014-2015 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

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<p>LEGEND</p> <p>Q End of Quarter + Teacher Institute Days # School Improvement Days * Holiday Day of non-attendance for students Anticipated Summer Programs () Schools closed-- no salary paid</p>	<p>// Schools closed—salary paid except as provided by budgetary action HSPT High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Report card pickup) EPT Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Report card pickup) e Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement ◆ Each school is provided 3 professional development days that can be used flexibly over the course of the school year ▲ School clerks begin working on Wednesday, August 20, 2014</p>
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HOLIDAYS			
September 1	Labor Day	January 19	M. L. King Day
October 13	Columbus Day	February 16	President's Day
November 11	Veterans Day	May 25	Memorial Day
November 27, 28	Thanksgiving Holiday		
<i>Please note: November 28, December 25 and January 1 are holidays for the district offices. November 26 is a non-attendance day for students and school-based staff.</i>			

- NOTES:**
- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**—School clerks begin on August 20, 2014. Teachers and Chicago Teacher’s Union (CTU) – represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 25, 2014.
Other school-based employees begin between August 25 and September 2.
Students begin classes on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 and end on Wednesday, June 16, 2015. Both days are full days of school for students.
 - **QUARTERS**—Each quarter ends on the following day:
Q1 ends November 6, 2014 Q3 ends April 2, 2015
Q2 ends January 29, 2015 Q4 ends June 16, 2015
 - **PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS**—Schools will distribute progress reports during the 6th week of each quarter:
Q1 on October 10, 2014 Q3 on March 13, 2015
Q2 on December 19, 2014 Q4 on May 15, 2015
 - **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS**—Parents are asked to pickup report cards and conference with teachers after the first and third quarters. Parent-Teacher conference days are non-attendance days for students. Elementary and high schools are expected to run a Parent-Teacher Conference Day:
Elementary High School
Q1 on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 Q1 on Thursday, November 13, 2014
Q3 on Thurs. April 16, 2015 Q3 on Wednesday, April 15, 2015
 - **REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS**—Please note that report cards for the second and fourth quarters will be sent home:
Q2 on February 5, 2015 Q4 on June 16, 2015
 - **TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS**—Teacher institute days are non-attendance days for students. These days are approved by the State Superintendent of Instruction for teacher professional development. Teacher institute days are principal-directed, except August 29th, which is half-principal and half teacher-directed.
Days include: August 27, 2014; August 28, 2014; August 29, 2014 and June 17, 2015.
 - **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAYS**—School Improvement Days are non-attendance days for students and are for teachers and staff to review student data, plan instruction, and engage in development aligned to school priorities. They are principal-directed except on January 30th which is half principal-directed and half teacher directed.
Days include: November 7, 2014; January 30, 2015; and April 3, 2015.
 - **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FLEX DAYS**—Each school is provided 3 Professional Development Days to be used flexibly across the year: August 25 and 26 and June 18. Professional development days are principals directed except for June 18th which half-principal and half teacher-directed.
 - **VACATIONS**—Schools are closed for the following breaks:
Winter vacation—Schools are closed from December 22, 2014 to January 2, 2015.
Spring vacation—Schools are closed from April 6, 2015 to April 10, 2015.
 - **GRADUATION DATES**—Elementary and High School graduations cannot be held prior to June 1, 2015.
 - **ANTICIPATED SUMMER PROGRAMS**—Anticipated Summer Programs include Summer Bridge, Bilingual Bridge, English Language Summer Support, Extended School Year, Summer Acceleration and High School Summer Credit Recovery.