

**ADOPT ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Adopt the academic school year calendar for elementary and high schools for the year 2015-2016.

**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.

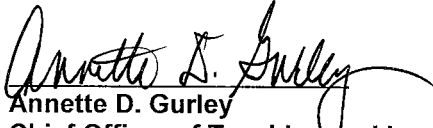
The 2015-2016 calendar includes 178 student attendance days, 4 Teacher Institute days, 3 School Improvement days, 2 Parent-Teacher Conference Days (Report Card Pickup Days) and 3 Professional Development days.

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

**FINANCIAL:** None.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** Not applicable.

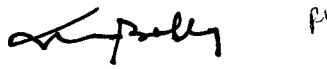
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## 2015-2016 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUST					NOVEMBER					FEBRUARY					MAY				
3	4	5	6	7	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4Q	5#	2	3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	9	10	11*	12Q	13#	8	9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	16	17	18EPT	19HSPT	20	15*	16	17	18	19	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26▲	27	28	23	24	(25)	26*	27*	22	23	24	25	26	23	24	25	26	27
31*					30					29					30*	31			

SEPTEMBER					DECEMBER					MARCH					JUNE				
	1*	2+	3+	4+		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
7*	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	/21/	/22/	/23/	/24/	/25/	21	22	23	24	25	20	21Q	22+	23*	24e
28	29	30			(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)		28	29	30	31		27e	28e	29e	30e	

OCTOBER					JANUARY					APRIL					JULY				
			1	2					(1)				1						1
5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7Q	8#	4	5	6	7	8
12*	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13EPT	14HSPT	15	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	18*	19	20	21	22	/18/	/19/	/20/	/21/	/22/	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29

### LEGEND

<p>Q End of Quarter + Teacher Institute Days # School Improvement Days * Holiday Day of non-attendance for students Anticipated Window for 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 26, 2015</p>
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### HOLIDAYS

September 7	Labor Day	January 18	M. L. King Day
October 12	Columbus Day	February 15	President's Day
November 11	Veterans Day	May 30	Memorial Day
November 26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday	July 4	Independence Day

Please note: November 27, December 25 and January 1 are holidays for the district offices. November 25 is a non-attendance day for students and school-based staff.

### NOTES:

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**— School clerks begin on August 26, 2015. Teachers and Chicago Teacher's Union (CTU) – represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 31, 2015.  
Other school-based employees begin between August 31, 2015 and September 8, 2015.  
Students begin classes on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 and end on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Both days are full days of school for students.
- **QUARTERS**— Each quarter ends on the following day:  
Q1 ends November 12, 2015      Q3 ends April 7, 2016  
Q2 ends February 4, 2016      Q4 ends June 21, 2016
- **PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS**— Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:  
Q1 on October 9, 2015      Q3 on March 11, 2016  
Q2 on January 8, 2016      Q4 on May 20, 2016
- **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:  

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>
Q1 on Wednesday, November 18, 2015	Q1 on Thursday, November 19, 2015
Q3 on Wednesday, April 13, 2016	Q3 on Thursday, April 14, 2016
- **REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS**— Please note that report cards for the second and fourth quarters will be sent home:  
Q2 on February 11, 2016      Q4 on June 21, 2016
- **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 September 4, 2015, which is half-principal and half teacher-directed.  
Days include: September 2, 2015; September 3, 2015; September 4, 2015 and June 22, 2016.
- **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 February 5, 2016 which is half principal-directed and half teacher-directed, and on April 8, 2016, which is teacher-directed.  
Days include: November 13, 2015; February 5, 2016; and April 8, 2016.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FLEX DAYS**— Each school is provided 3 Professional Development Days to be used flexibly across the year: August 31, 2015, September 1, 2015 and June 23, 2016. Professional development days are principal directed.
- **VACATIONS**—Schools are closed for the following breaks:  
Winter vacation— Schools are closed from December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016.  
Spring vacation— Schools are closed from April 18, 2016 to April 22, 2016.
- **GRADUATION DATES**— High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to June 13, 2016. Elementary graduations ceremonies cannot be held prior to June 16, 2016.
- **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.