

CESD School Calendar Process

Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73



Background Information

Creating a division school calendar is a complex and challenging task. We strive to consider student, staff member and public voice, as we build a calendar that works for all stakeholders. The following document will provide feedback from the most recent CESD Calendar Survey, Guiding Principles and Frequently Asked Questions. An opportunity to provide feedback can be found at [here](#).

February 2018 Survey Data

The most recent calendar feedback was collected in February 2018 and can be viewed [here](#). Thank you to over 2,600 CESD staff, students and parents who completed this survey. These responses are integral to the formation of our Guiding Principles. Our next calendar survey will be conducted during the Fall of 2022.

CESD School Calendar Guiding Principles

When building annual school calendars, the following principles are taken into consideration whenever possible.

1. The first day of school for students will be after Labour Day.
2. School Focused PD Days will be balanced between semesters.
3. Calendar will consist of 4 school organizational days:
 - a. 2 prior to the start of school for students
 - b. 1 day between semesters
 - c. 1 day at the end of the school year
4. An extended Fall Break will occur in November.
5. Non-instructional days may be used to extend long weekends.
6. School will be in session during the week leading up to Christmas Break.
7. Non Instructional Days will be used to make a full week break in February during the week of Family Day and Teachers' Convention.
8. Spring Break will be the third full week in April.
9. Instructional days will be balanced between the two semesters.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is there a school organizational day on January 31?

A. January 31 is semester break, an important day for our high schools to complete semester 1 reporting.

2. What if my child writes a diploma exam scheduled during the CESD Spring Break?

A. Diploma exam dates have been taken into consideration when planning all breaks. The Division will ensure a writing centre for quarterly diploma exams in the instance where schools are on break during provincially scheduled writings.

3. My child's school is closed on a regular basis for PD Days or Collaborative Days. What are teachers doing on these days?

A. These days are invaluable to teachers as they collaboratively plan for student learning, and focus on individual student needs.

4. Why does the CESD calendar not match other school division calendars?

A. Our goal is to best meet the needs of our Chinook's Edge students and families. We do work collaboratively with Red Deer Catholic Schools as we share transportation routes.

5. Where can I provide feedback on the calendar process?

A. We welcome your feedback using this [form](#). Thank you for your interest in our calendar process.