



## EDVANCE SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2020-2021

Provisions made by the Ministry of Education under Regulations 298 and 304 regarding school days and the school year calendar apply to public schools only. Therefore, the calendar issued by the MOE is optional advice for independent schools.

### Instructional Time

#### Elementary Schools

The Ministry of Education expectation for 2020-21 is that there will be a minimum of 194 school days which will include a local count of instructional and PD days.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/list/calendar/holidaye.html>

The local school calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional and professional development days that complies with the school's policy requirements.

#### Secondary Schools

The calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional days to meet the (OSSD) diploma requirements for credits (min. 110 hours, see [Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016](#), p. 70) and may designate up to 10 of the instructional days as examination days.

#### Schools days

School days are all days available for instruction and professional activities. There are 196 school days available between September 1 and June 30 (inclusive).

*School Days = Instructional Days + Professional Development Days*

#### Holidays

Dates listed are those the Ministry of Education has mandated for the public systems (10 days at Christmas and 5 days for March break). Edvance affiliate schools should plan holidays to fit local circumstances. Changing the holidays may change the number of instructional days.

#### Start of School

**Note that the Education Act specifies that "the school year shall commence on or after the 1st day of September and end on or before the 30th day of June. (R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 304, s.2(1).**

Edvance affiliate schools, being private schools, are not bound by this limitation and can begin school before September 1.

### **NOTE:**

***In 2020, Labour Day is on September 7; some local school boards are opting to begin school prior to Labour Day to ensure they have enough school days to meet the minimum of 194 school days prescribe for public schools. Edvance affiliate schools should plan their start of school date and holiday breaks to fit local circumstances.***

# EDVANCE SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR—2020-2021

Legend: H – Holiday B- School Break P – Professional Activity Day

Month	# of PA Days	# of Instr. Days	1 <sup>st</sup> Week					2 <sup>nd</sup> Week					3 <sup>rd</sup> Week					4 <sup>th</sup> Week					5 <sup>th</sup> Week						
			M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		
August 2020			3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31						
September 2020		17			1	2	3	4	<b>H</b>	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
October 2020	2	19				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	<b>H</b>	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	
November 2020		21	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30						
December 2020		14			1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>		
January 2021		20					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29		
February 2021		19	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	<b>H</b>	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26						
March 2021		18	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31				
April 2021		20				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30		
May 2021		20	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31						
June 2021		22			1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			
Totals	2	190																											

**NOTE:** The 2020-21 calendar provides for 196 possible *school days* between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 inclusive. The suggested breaks coincide with the Ministry of Education School Year Calendar. NOTE: some public school boards are planning to start school before Labour Day to ensure the correct number of school days. Schools should plan their school year to fit local circumstances.

# CALENDAR DATES FOR EDVANCE SCHOOLS 2020-2021

Calendar based on school year start date of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**H – Holiday, P – Professional Activity Day**

2020 - 2021			
<b>August</b>	31	Mon	Preparation Days
<b>September</b>	1-4	Tues - Fri	Preparation Days
	7	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	8	Tuesday	Traditional First School Day
	28-30	Mon - Wed	Christian Schools Canada Conference
<b>October</b>	12	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	29-30	Thurs - Fri	Edvance Annual Gathering (P)
<b>November</b>	11	Wednesday	Remembrance Day
<b>December</b>	21 – Jan 1	Two Weeks	MoE identified Christmas Break (H) (10 days)
<b>January</b>	4	Monday	First School Day in new year
<b>February</b>	12	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Grand Region
	15	Monday	Family Day (H)
<b>March</b>	15 - 19	One Week	MoE identified March Break (H) (5 days)
	26	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Toronto Region
<b>April</b>	2	Friday	Good Friday (H)
	5	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	8	Thursday	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
	9	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Seaway Valley Region
	15	Thursday	Employment Notification Date
	16	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Durham Region
	23	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Bluewater Region
<b>May</b>		TBA	Edvance Spring Leadership Conference
	24	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
<b>June</b>	30	Tuesday	Last Instructional Day Possible

## Other Dates

For information about Cohort meeting dates, Athletics, Academic and Fine Arts Festivals, etc., check the full calendar at <https://www.edvance.ca/calendar>