

OACS School Year Calendar 2016-2017

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.

1. **Instructional Time**

a. Elementary Schools

- i. The Ministry of Education expectation for 2016-17 is that there will be a total of 196 school days which will include a local count of instructional and PD days.
- ii. The local school calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional and professional development days that complies with the school's policy requirements.
- iii. A helpful document for elementary schools is the OACS publication, found on the edCommons website, called [Time to Learn: The OACS Report on Learning Time, 2000](#).

b. Secondary Schools

- i. The calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional days to meet the (OSSD) diploma requirements for credit hours (110 hours per credit) and designate up to 10 of the instructional days as examination days.

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

$$\text{School Days} = \text{Instructional Days} + \text{Professional Activity Days}$$

3. **Professional Activity Days**

- a. The OACS recommends that each school designate 5 Professional Activity Days during the school year, including the Edifide convention for elementary and high schools.
- b. OACS also recommends that schools schedule some Preparation Days before the school year.
- c. Other professional development opportunities will be announced throughout the school year

4. **Holidays**

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

5. **Start of School**

- a. **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).**
- b. OACS schools, being private schools, are not bound by this limitation and can begin school before September 1.
- c. OACS schools should plan their start of school date to fit local circumstances.

OACS School Year Planning Calendar—2016-2017

Legend: H – School Holiday P – Professional Activity Day

Month	# of PA Days	# of Instr. Days	1st Week					2nd Week					3rd Week					4th Week					5th 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 2016			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			
			H																									
September 2016		19				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	
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October 2016	2	18	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31					
								H													P	P						
November 2016		22		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30			
December 2016		12				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	
																		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	
January 2017		22	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31				
February 2017		19			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28				
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March 2017		18			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	
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April 2017		18	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28						
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May 2017		22	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			
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June 2017		22				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30	
Totals	2	192																										

NOTE: The 2016-17 calendar provides for 196 possible school days between September 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 inclusive. .

CALENDAR DATES FOR OACS SCHOOLS 2016-2017

Calendar based on school year start date of September 6th 2016.

H – Holiday, P – Professional Activity Day

2016			
August	29 – Sep 2	Mon-Fri	Preparation Days
September	5	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	6	Tuesday	Traditional First School Day
	21-23	Thurs - Fri	CSC Conference - Alberta
October	10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	27-28	Thurs - Fri	Edifide Educators Convention (P)
November	11	Friday	Remembrance Day
	19	Saturday	OACS Governance Conference/OACS AGM
December	19 – Jan 1	Two Weeks	MoE identified Christmas Break (H)(10 days)
2017			
January	2	Monday	First School Day in new year
February	20	Monday	Family Day (H)
March	13-17	One Week	MoE identified March Break (H) (5 days)
	30	Thursday	Grade 10 Literacy Test
April	14	Friday	Good Friday (H)
	15	Saturday	Employment Notification Date ¹
	17	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	26	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day
May	22	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
June	30	Friday	Last Instructional Day Possible

¹ CONTRACT DATES: for questions relating to contract dates, please see the [Best Practices for Employment Relations in Christian Schools](#) (October 2008) and the [OACS/OCSTA Personnel Manual](#) (October 2008).