
Memorandum

TO: Chinook Families
FROM: Ken Garinger, Superintendent of Human Resources
DATE: March 6, 2025
RE: 2025-2026 School Calendar



Attached you will find the 2025-2026 school calendar. The calendar was developed by the Chinook Calendar Committee, which is made up of employees representing various positions and locations across the division. The calendar has now been endorsed by the Board of Education and approved by the Ministry. Please note the following:

Defined Requirements

- The Saskatchewan Education Act requires the following:
 - A minimum of 950 hours of instructional time per year;
 - Six weeks of summer vacation;
 - Post Labour Day student start time, with an exception if Labour Day falls on September 5 or later;
 - Christmas break that begins no later than December 23 and ends not sooner than January 2;
 - A Spring break with no more than 5 consecutive days excluding Good Friday.
- Ministry of Education Provincial Examinations – January 26-29; June 22-25.
- Chinook Board of Education requires 3 professional learning community days; 2 student conference days; 2 professional development days; 3 admin days; and 1 convention day.
- By May 1, 2025, the 2025-2026 calendar must be made available to all stakeholders.

Highlights of the 2025-2026 School Calendar

- 197 days including non-instructional days; 186 instructional days
- Three traditional breaks
- Students begin: September 2
- Early dismissal days: October 15, November 26, February 11, April 29, June 3
- Teacher Convention: November 3
- Winter (Christmas) break: December 20 - January 4
- February break week: February 16-20
- Long weekend in March for students and families
- Spring (Easter) break: April 3-10
- Students finish June 26

The 2025-2026 school calendar is available on the division and school websites.