



School District 36 (Surrey)

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Board adopts new district calendar and common non-instructional days

As you know, the Surrey Board of Education invited your input on changes proposed for the 2009-2010 school calendar as a potential response to budget challenges. The proposal was described in my letter to parents and guardians on April 27 this year. The board is grateful for the many thoughtful letters from the community, and the views and suggestions expressed.

The majority of respondents support the proposed changes. After considering input from parents/guardians, staff members and other stakeholders, the board approved district-wide changes to school calendars at its public board meeting on May 28.

The board has adopted a common local 2009-2010 school calendar for the district, as described below:

Six fewer days of instruction (with an increase of instructional time to make up the six days):

- One day: November 12, 2009 (Thursday after Remembrance Day)
- Five days: March 15 – 19, 2010 (the week following the provincial school calendar spring break week)

District-wide non-instructional days (or "Pro-D" days):

- September 28, 2009
- October 23, 2009
- November 13, 2009
- February 5, 2010
- May 7, 2010
- May 31, 2010

Elementary school days in the district are approximately 6.5 hours long, and include:

- 295 minutes of instructional time (an increase of 10 minutes per day),
- one 15-minute recess and a lunch break of 45 minutes (may vary slightly by school),
- 15 minutes of supervision before and after classes,

School daily office hours are at least 7.5 hours.

The Surrey Board of Education thanks all staff and families for taking the time to make their views known on the 2009-2010 school calendar changes.

Please see the calendar overview on the opposite side of this page.

Respectfully,

Mike McKay
Superintendent of Schools

Surrey School District 2009 – 2010 elementary school calendar

DESIGNATION	2009 / 2010
Days in session	186
Minimum number of days of instruction	179
Hours of instruction (year)	880
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
Non-instructional day	Monday, September 28
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12
Non-instructional day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11
Local calendar school closure day	Thursday, November 12
Non-instructional day	Friday, November 13
Schools close for winter vacation	Friday, December 18
Winter vacation period	December 21 – January 1
Schools reopen after winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Non-instructional day	Friday, February 5
Schools close for spring vacation	Friday, March 5
Spring vacation period (includes five local calendar closure days)	March 8-19
Schools reopen after spring vacation	Monday, March 22
Good Friday	April 2
Easter Monday	April 5
Non-instructional day	Friday, May 7
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24
Non-instructional day	Monday, May 31
Administrative day	Wednesday, June 30
Schools close	Wednesday, June 30