

# Department of Education's Recommendation for Multi-Year School Calendar

## School Years

2016-17

2017-18

2018-19

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# Rationale for Multi-Year Calendar Adoption

Early adoption allows for better planning by

- **Schools** for professional development
- **Employees** for self-initiated professional development and personal schedules
- **Families** for personal schedules and child care
- **Community partners** for coordination of intersession programs and wraparound services (e.g., afterschool programs, health programs, preschool programs)
- **DOE Facilities** and **DAGS** for school facilities projects

# Calendar Retrospective

**1980 - 1995**

## "Traditional" Calendar

Labor Day - early June

2 week Winter Break  
1 week Spring Break

**1994-95:**

175 student days  
+5 teacher PD days  
+9 holidays

**1995 - 2006**

## School-specific, School Community Based Management Calendars

Variety of calendars including "modified year round" calendars (introduced fall break)

**1998-99:**

183 student days  
+6 teacher PD days  
+10 holidays

Act 51 (2004) - Single, statewide calendar

**2006 - present**

## Current Calendar

late July/early August - late May/early June

1 week Fall Break  
2-3 week Winter Break  
1-2 week Spring Break

**Since 2006:**

(except years with furloughs):  
180 student days  
+10 teacher PD days  
+8-10 holidays

Act 167 (2010) - Minimum 180 instructional days

# Calendar Development Process

## Calendar Work Group

*Nov. 2013*

- Included internal stakeholders (CASs, principals, OHR, registrar), HSTA and HGEA
- Developed design principles

## Public Survey on Calendar Options

*Apr. 2015*

- Received 4,000 responses to calendar options (1,789 parents; 1,699 current teachers; 352 community members; 348 other DOE staff; 127 students)
- Revealed diverse opinions about calendar

## Meetings with and Feedback from Stakeholders

*July - Sept. 2015*

- Included discussions and feedback from Deputy's Principal Roundtable, Secondary Principals' Forum, HSTA, HGEA, HE'E
- Conducted research and calendar options to follow up on concerns and recommendations

## Internal DOE Survey via Principals

*Sept. 2015*

- Solicited final design decisions
- Received more than 1,300 responses from teachers and principals

# Final Calendar Design Principles

1. Minimum of 180 student days (HRS 302A-251).
2. About 90 instructional days per semester.
3. First semester ends by winter break.
4. Changes minimize cost and conflict with collective bargaining agreements.

## **Other considerations:**

- Maximize student attendance (five day weeks for students)
- Minimize disruption to secondary school schedules (five day weeks for students)
- Justify changes from last decade of similar school calendars
- Align with University of Hawaii calendar (for teachers' professional development and students' early college classes)
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# Recommended Calendar

Start of School for Students	Week of August 1
Fall Break	One week in early October
Winter Break	17 calendar days for students (starting Friday before Christmas holiday)
Spring Break	One week in mid-March
End of School for Students	Within the week of Memorial Day

## Students' School Year

- **2016-17: August 1 - May 25**
- **2017-18: August 7 - May 31\***
- **2018-19: August 7 - June 4\***

*\*Subject to legislation, funding and collective bargaining agreements*