

The proposed 196 Day School Calendar reflects six paid holidays, ten employee planning days, and six early release days beginning in August and ending in June. Students first day of school is August 24, 2015 and last day of school is June 9, 2016. Spring Break will be March 21, 2016 through March 25, 2016.

At the October 28, 2014 Board Workshop, staff presented the draft calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year. Subsequent to the Board Workshop, it was brought to the District's attention the calendar option ending prior to the Winter Break could not be implemented. According to Florida Statute, 1003.436, at least 135 hours per year/67.5 hours per semester of instruction must be provided. This requirement was verified by the Department of Education. Accordingly, the Calendar Committee reconvened to reevaluate an alternative calendar option.

The Calendar Committee developed another calendar option, which provides for an 81/99 day semester break down. This calendar option meets the requirements of the Florida Statute. With this calendar option, the first semester ends on January 7th, 2015. The Calendar Committee has determined that this recommended calendar option possesses no adverse impact to the Technical Colleges for the 2015-2016 School Year. In addition, the Calendar Committee will explore a separate calendar for the Technical Colleges after a thorough review and analysis of data is conducted for fiscal year 2013-2014 & 2014-2015.

Following Board approval of the 2015-2016 School Calendar, staff, in conjunction with the Calendar Committee, will develop the corresponding Year-Round School Calendars, Summer Term Calendars for Community Schools and Technical Centers, and Employee Work Calendars. It is anticipated these calendars will be presented for Board approval in March 2015.