



EDVANCE SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2019-2020

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.

Instructional Time

Elementary Schools

The Ministry of Education expectation for 2019-20 is that there will be a total of 194 school days which will include a local count of instructional and PD days.

The local school calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional and professional development days that complies with the school's policy requirements.

Secondary Schools

The calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional days to meet the (OSSD) diploma requirements for credits (min. 110 hours, see [Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016](#), p. 70) and may designate up to 10 of the instructional days as examination days.

Schools days

School days are all days available for instruction and professional activities. There are 194 school days available between September 1 and June 30 (inclusive).

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

Holidays

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

Start of School

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)).

Edvance affiliate schools, being private schools, are not bound by this limitation and can begin school before September 1.

Edvance affiliate schools should plan their start of school date and holiday breaks to fit local circumstances.

EDVANCE SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR—2019-2020

Legend: H – School Holiday P – Professional Activity Day

Month	# of PA Days	# of Instr. Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th 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 2019						1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
September 2019		20						H																			
October 2019	2	20		2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30			
November 2019		21																									
December 2019		15																									
January 2020		20																									
February 2020		19																									
March 2020		17																									
April 2020		20																									
May 2020		20																									
June 2020		22																									
Totals	2	194																									

NOTE: The 2019-20 calendar provides for 194 possible *school days* between September 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 inclusive. The suggested breaks coincide with the Ministry of Education School Year Calendar. Schools should plan their school year to fit local circumstances.

CALENDAR DATES FOR EDVANCE SCHOOLS 2019-2020

Calendar based on school year start date of September 3rd, 2019.

H – Holiday, P – Professional Activity Day

2019 - 2020			
August	26 – 30	Mon-Fri	Preparation Days
September	2	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	3	Tuesday	Traditional First School Day
		TBA	Edvance Business and Development Conference
October	4	Friday	Edvance Special Education Conference
	14	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	24 - 25	Thurs - Fri	Edvance Educators Convention (P)
November	11	Monday	Remembrance Day
December	23 – Jan 3	Two Weeks	MoE identified Christmas Break (H) (10 days)
January	6	Monday	First School Day in new year
February	14	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Grand Region
	17	Monday	Family Day (H)
March	16 - 20	One Week	MoE identified March Break (H) (5 days)
	27	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Toronto Region
	31	Tuesday	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
April	3	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Seaway Valley Region
	10	Friday	Good Friday (H)
	13	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	15	Wednesday	Employment Notification Date
	17	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Durham Region
	24	Friday	Edvance District PD Day – Bluewater Region
May		TBA	Spring Leadership Conference
	18	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
June	30	Tuesday	Last Instructional Day Possible

Regional Cohort Dates – Coming Soon

Leadership Meetings

Athletics

Academic and Fine Arts Festivals.

