

# Edvance School Year Calendar 2023-2024

Provisions made by the Ontario 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 2023-2024 is that there will be a minimum of 194 school days which will include a local count of instructional and PD days.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/list/calendar/holidaye.html>

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.

### School 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).

<i>School Days = Instructional Days + Professional Development Days</i>
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### 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)).**

As an independent school, an Edvance affiliate school is not bound by this limitation and can begin school before September 1. Edvance affiliate schools are encouraged to fit their school year schedule to fit local circumstances.

# EDVANCE SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR—2023-2024

Legend: H – Holiday B – School Break P – Professional Activity Day

Month	# of PA Days	# of Instr. Days	1 <sup>st</sup> Week					2 <sup>nd</sup> Week					3 <sup>rd</sup> Week					4 <sup>th</sup> Week					5 <sup>th</sup> 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 2023		0		1	2	3	4		7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30	31	
September 2023		19					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29
October 2023	2	19	2	3	4	5	6		9	10	11	12	13		16	17	18	19	20		23	24	25	26	27	30	31				
November 2023		22			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30		
December 2023		16					1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22		25	26	27	28	29
January 2024		18	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31			
February 2024		20					1	2		5	6	7	8	9		12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	
March 2024		15						1		4	5	6	7	8		11	12	13	14	15		18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
April 2024		21	1	2	3	4	5		8	9	10	11	12		15	16	17	18	19		22	23	24	25	26		29	30			
May 2024		22			1	2	3		6	7	8	9	10		13	14	15	16	17		20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31	
June 2024		20	3	4	5	6	7		10	11	12	13	14		17	18	19	20	21		24	25	26	27	28						
Totals	2	192																													

**NOTE:** The 2023-2024 calendar provides for 194 possible *school days* between September 5, 2023 and June 30, 2024 inclusive. The suggested breaks coincide with the Ministry of Education School Year Calendar. Schools may want to coordinate their break times with the local public school boards.

# CALENDAR DATES FOR EDVANCE SCHOOLS 2022-2023

Calendar based on school year start date of September 5, 2023.

2023 - 2024			
<b>August</b>	28 – Sept 1	Mon - Fri	Preparation Days
<b>September</b>	4	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	5	Tuesday	Traditional First School Day
	25 – Oct 13	Mon – Fri	MAP Fall Testing Window
<b>October</b>	9	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	26 – 27	Thurs - Fri	Edvance Annual Gathering (P)
<b>December</b>	25 – Jan 5	Two Weeks	MoE identified Christmas Break (H) (10 days)
<b>January</b>	8	Monday	First Day of School after Christmas Break
	22 – Feb 9	Mon – Fri	MAP Winter Testing Window
<b>February</b>	16	Friday	Grand Region District PD Day*
	19	Monday	Family Day (H)
<b>March</b>	11 – 15	One Week	MoE identified March Break (H) (5 days)
	22	Friday	Toronto Region District PD Day*
	29	Friday	Good Friday (H)
<b>April</b>	1	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	12	Friday	Seaway Valley District PD Day*
	19	Friday	Durham Region District PD Day*
	26	Friday	Bluewater Region District PD Day*
	29 – May 17	Mon-Fri	MAP Spring Testing Window
<b>May</b>		TBA	Edvance Spring Leadership Conference
	20	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
<b>June</b>	28	Friday	Last Instructional Day Possible

## Regarding District PD Days

\*The District PD dates are provided as suggestions, based the previous scheduling of these workshops. Going forward, rather than Edvance offering a single topic/speaker that may or may not hit the mark for each school’s professional development goals, schools are encouraged to plan a spring PD Day that meets the needs of their local learning vision. Schools might also consider joining with their cohort for a local in-person regional Peer Support Networks (PSN) meeting for educators. Justin Cook is available for support in discerning and planning PD – reach out to [justin.cook@edvance.ca](mailto:justin.cook@edvance.ca).