

Edvance School Year Calendar 2024-2025

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 2024-2025 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 195 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)).

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—2024-2025

Legend: H – Holiday B – School Break 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 2024		0				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2024		20	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30				
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October 2024	2	20		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
													H								P	P					
November 2024		21					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
December 2024		15	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
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January 2025		20			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
					H	B	B																				
February 2025		19	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28					
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March 2025		16	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
								B	B	B	B	B															
April 2025		20		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
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May 2025		21				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
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June 2025		21	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30				
Totals	2	193																									

NOTE: The 2024-2025 calendar provides for 195 possible *school days* between September 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 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 2024-2025

Calendar based on school year start date of September 3, 2024.

2024 - 2025			
August	22 – 30	Mon - Fri	Preparation Days
September	2	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	3	Tuesday	Traditional First School Day
	23 – Oct 11	Mon – Fri	MAP Fall Testing Window
October	14	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	24 – 25	Thurs - Fri	Edvance Annual Gathering (P)
December	23 – Jan 3	Two Weeks	MoE identified Christmas Break (H) (10 days)
January	8	Monday	First Day of School after Christmas Break
	20 – Feb 7	Mon – Fri	MAP Winter Testing Window
February	14	Friday	Grand Region PD Day *
	17	Monday	Family Day (H)
March	10 – 14	One Week	MoE identified March Break (H) (5 days)
	21	Friday	Toronto Region PD Day *
April	4	Friday	Seaway Valley Region PD Day *
	11	Friday	Central Region PD Day *
	18	Friday	Good Friday (H)
	21	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	28 – May 16	Mon-Fri	MAP Spring Testing Window
May	2	Friday	Bluewater Region PD Day *
	19	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
June	30	Monday	Last Instructional Day Possible

Regarding Regional PD Days

Edvance is excited to partner with each regional leadership cohort to plan a PD Day for all elementary educators within your specific region. Given the proximity of gathering colleagues regionally, the PD day can also provide opportunities to collaborate on learning structures—joint novel studies, learning events, etc.

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