

OACS School Year Calendar 2011-2012

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.

1. **Instructional Time**

- a. Each school should provide 1000 hours of scheduled instructional time per school year by finding the right balance of days per year and hours per day to fit its local circumstances, considering such factors as transportation time and other demands on its students.
- b. The OACS standard of 1000 hours per year exceeds Ministry requirements by 50 hours. (Ministry requirements are 190 instructional days of 5 hours each). This higher standard is explained in [Time to Learn: The OACS Report on Learning Time, 2000](#).

2. **Schools days** are all days available for instruction and professional activities. There are 196 school days available between September 1 and June 30 (inclusive).

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

3. **Instructional Days**

- a. For **elementary schools**, the school calendar should specify the number of instructional days to meet the standard of 1000 hours per year. [Constructing an Elementary School Timetable](#) may be a useful planning tool.
- b. For **secondary schools**, the calendar should specify the appropriate number of instructional days to meet the (OSSD) diploma requirements for credit hours (110 hours per credit) and designate up to 10 of the instructional days as examination days.

4. **Professional Activity Days**

- a. The OACS recommends that each school designate 5 Professional Activity Days during the school year, including the OCSTA convention for elementary and high schools.
- b. OACS also recommends that schools schedule some Preparation Days before the school year.
- c. Other professional development opportunities will follow at a later date.

5. **Holidays**

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

6. **Start of School**

- a. OACS schools should plan their start of school date to fit local circumstances.

NOTE: This calendar does not define teacher contracts.

OACS School Year Planning Calendar—2011-2012

Legend: H – School Holiday P – Professional Activity Day SI – Summer Institute

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			1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31		
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September		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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October	2	18	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
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November		22		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30		
December		12				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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January		22	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31			
February		20			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29		
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March		17				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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April		19	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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May		22		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31	
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June		21					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29
July			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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Total	2	194																									

NOTE: The 2011-12 calendar provides for 196 possible *school days* between September 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 inclusive. The OACS recommends that a school board designate up to 10 instructional days as examination days and 5 professional activity days during that time period.

CALENDAR DATES FOR OACS SCHOOLS 2011-2012

Calendar based on school year start date of September 6th 2011.

H – Holiday, P – Professional Activity Day

2011			
August	29– Sept 2	Mon-Fri	Preparation Days
September	5	Monday	Labour Day (H)
	6	Tuesday	First School Day
	29-30		OCSAA Fall Retreat
October	10	Monday	Thanksgiving Day (H)
	27-28	Thurs - Fri	OCSTA Convention (P)
	27	Thursday	OACS Administrative Personnel Convention, HDCH (P)
November	5	Saturday	OACS Governance Conference/OACS AGM
	11	Friday	Remembrance Day
December	19 – 30	Two Weeks	Standard Christmas Break (H)

2012			
January	2	Monday	First School Day
February	20	Monday	Family Day (H)
March	12-16	One Week	Standard March Break (H) (5 days)
	29	Thursday	Grade 10 Literacy Test
April	6	Friday	Good Friday (H)
	9	Monday	Easter Monday (H)
	15	Sunday	Employment Notification Date *
	25	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day
May	4	Friday	OCSAA Spring Conference
	21	Monday	Victoria Day (H)
June	29	Friday	Last Instructional Day Possible

*CONTRACT DATES

For any questions relating to contract dates, please see the *Best Practices for Employment Relations in Christian Schools* (October 2008) and the *OACS/OCSTA Personnel Manual* (October 2008).