

ADOPT REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Adopt the regular school year calendar for elementary and high schools for the year 2008-2009.

DESCRIPTION: This calendar indicates holidays, teacher institute days, professional development days, and days when schools are closed for extended periods of time.

The effect of this action would be to establish a regular school year and a summer school calendar.

The 2008-2009 calendar includes 170 pupil attendance days, 4 staff development days for school improvement planning, 2 parent-teacher conference days and 4 teacher institute days.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: LSC review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: No additional cost to the Chicago Board of Education.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Not applicable.

Approved for Consideration:



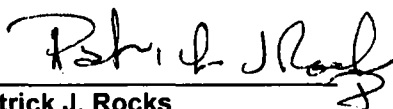
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REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

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Calendar grid showing months from August 2008 to August 2009. Includes a legend for symbols like (), +, Q, #, and BOLD. Legend text: () School closed - No salary paid; + Teacher Institute Days; Q End of Quarter; # Professional Development Days; Days of non attendance for students; BOLD no classes for students; staff development days for School Improvement Planning.

*HOLIDAYS 2008- 2009

- September 1.....Labor Day
October 13.....Columbus Day
November 11.....Veterans Day Observance
November 27, 28.....Thanksgiving Holiday
January 19.....M.L. King's Birthday
February 12.....Lincoln's Birthday
February 16.....Presidents Day
March 2.....C. Pulaski's Birthday
May 25.....Memorial Day

- NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT - June 13, 2008 is the deadline for students enrolling for the 2008-2009 school year.
CLASSES BEGIN - Tuesday, September 2, 2008. Students are scheduled for a full day of school.
TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS (+) Wednesday, August 27, 2008; Thursday, August 28, 2008; Friday, August 29, 2008, and Thursday, June 11, 2009.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (#) Friday, November 7, 2008, Friday, January 23, 2009 and Friday, March 27, 2009.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (BOLD DATES) - Friday, September 26, 2008, Friday, October 24, 2008, Monday, November 10, 2008 and Friday, February 13, 2009.
PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS - Elementary and High Schools will distribute Student Progress Reports during the 5th week of each marking period on Friday, October 3, 2008, Thursday, December 11, 2008, Friday, February 27, 2009, and Friday, May 8, 2009.
REPORT CARD PICKUP/PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS (PE/PH) - Elementary schools on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 and Wednesday, April 1, 2009; high schools on Friday, November 14, 2008 and Friday, April 3, 2009.
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS - For second marking period, Wednesday, January 28, 2009; for fourth marking period, Friday, June 12, 2009.
WINTER VACATION - Schools close at the end of the school day on Friday, December 19, 2008 and reopen on Monday, January 5, 2009.
SPRING VACATION - Schools close for students at the end of the school day Friday, April 3, 2009 and reopen on Monday, April 13, 2009.
GRADUATION DATES - Elementary graduation may not be held prior to the week of June 8, 2009. High school graduation may not be held prior to Friday, June 5, 2009.
PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION AND KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION - The suggested dates are April 13, 2009 through April 17, 2009.
SUMMER VACATION - Schools close for students on Friday, June 12, 2009.
SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION - GRADES 3-6-8 SUMMER PROGRAM will operate for six weeks beginning Monday, June 15, 2009 and ending Friday, July 24, 2009. HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM will operate for seven weeks and may start on June 15, June 22, or June 29, 2009 at the discretion of the high school and end on July 31, August 7, or August 14, 2009.

REGULAR SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS FOR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

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