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News & Calendars

2008-2009 School Year - Important Dates

The Seattle School Board has approved the 2008-2009 school calendar. The calendar was developed and negotiated in cooperation with all of the bargaining groups representing Seattle Public Schools employees. The calendar is structured to provide a full week of instruction following Spring break and before the beginning of the spring WASL testing period. The calendar also provides specific dates that will be used as make-up days in the event that inclement weather necessitates school closures.

Date	Event
September 3, 2008	First Day of School
September 24, 2008	Professional Development Block Time (2 hour early dismissal)
October 10, 2008 *	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
October 29, 2008	Professional Development Block Time (2 hour early dismissal)
TBA	End of First Quarter
November 11 *	Veterans Day Holiday (no school)
TBA	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 26, 2008	(one hour early dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday.)
November 27-28, 2008 *	Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
December 19, 2008	(one hour early dismissal Winter Break.)

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December 22, 2008 - January 2, 2009 *	Winter Break (no school)
January 19, 2009 *	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday (no school)
January 23, 2009	Last Day of Semester
January 26, 2009 *	Day between semesters (see note below)
February 4, 2009	Professional Development Block Time (2 hour early dismissal)
February 16, 2009 *	Presidents Day Holiday (no school)
February 17-20, 2009 *	Mid-Winter Break (no school)
March 4, 2009	Professional Development Block Time (2 hour early dismissal)
March 20, 2009 *	Professional Development Day (see note below)
March 30, 2009 - April 3, 2009 *	Spring Break (no school)
April 13, 2009- May 1, 2009	WASL Testing
TBA	End of Third Quarter
May 20, 2009	Professional Development Block Time (2 hour early dismissal)
May 25, 2009 *	Memorial Day Holiday (no school)
June 16, 2009	Last Student Day (1 hour early dismissal)

* **No classes on these dates**

NOTE: If necessary, the first three inclement weather make-up days will be added at year end. If a fourth make-up day is needed, it will be scheduled for January 26, 2009 (the day between semesters); and a fifth make-up day would be scheduled for March 20, 2009 (a professional development day).

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