



The High School District 214

**2017–2018 and 2018–2019
School Calendars**

Based on the Calendar Committee Recommendations
July 2017

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The survey and listening session feedback was consistent and overwhelming across staff, students, parents, parents of future students and community members. Based on the calendars that were presented for feedback, our community desired to start school in mid-August and have first semester exams prior to Winter Break.

Spring Break will continue to take place the last full week in March, which has been our long-standing practice. We will finish the school year with final exams for underclassmen the week after Memorial Day weekend. The Calendar Committee recommends that graduations continue to occur the weekend prior to the school year ending, which would now occur on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. This is consistent with many other school districts and allows travel time for extended families. The Board of Education approved the calendars on January 28, 2016.

Details (July 2017)

- Spring Break will continue to take place the last full week in March, which has been our long-standing practice.
- Schools will have approximately the same amount of PLC time as they have had in the past, even though there will not be a weekly late start for students.
- As you may recall, the Committee recommended a two-week blackout period during each summer so students and coaches have permission to spend time with family and friends. Beginning with the 2017 – 2018 school year, the first week after school is out will be one of those blackout weeks. We will then run three weeks of summer school, followed by a blackout week which will include July 4th. The exception will be marching bands who march in 4th of July parades. We will then run another three weeks of summer school. The IHSA athletic blackout week will be the second week with no activities, with the exception of the marching bands who use that time on our stadium fields for practice for their upcoming competitions. At the end of this correspondence is a copy of Administrative Procedures 6:190-AP-5 Guidelines for Practice/Meeting Times for Activities/Athletics/Fine and Performing Arts, which details the protocols and procedures for activities, athletics and the fine and performing arts practices and meetings in the district.
- Unless it is a unique and special circumstance and an API grants pre-approval, the following weekends and/or scheduled breaks will be designated as family weekends/breaks and homework should not be assigned: Homecoming Weekend, Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Presidents Day Weekend and Spring Break. It is our belief as a Committee that this approach will lead to healthier and more productive individuals who continue to embody the innovation and hard work we are proud of within our schools. Further, we believe these breaks offer a model for work-life balance our students can take with them when they leave our schoolhouse doors.
- Rather than having five hours of Parent Teacher Conferences on a Thursday evening and then a full day of classes the following day, we will be having two hours of Parent Teacher Conferences on a Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will then have three hours on Friday morning for Parent Teacher Conferences from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- In reviewing our after-school activities, it has been evident that the majority of our non-every day weekly activity meetings and/or the majority of our after-school activities occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. As a result, our after school activity buses will run three days a week this year on Tuesdays – Thursdays. Students will still be able to take the late bus home if an activity is scheduled on a Monday or a Friday.
- You may recall that the Calendar Committee recommended reviewing the date for Open House and the possibility of moving that from a Wednesday to a Thursday. For the upcoming year, there were simply too many activities already scheduled on the Thursday, so Open House will remain on a Wednesday. We will continue to monitor and review in future years.

The Calendar Committee



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