



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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To: Members, Board of Education
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RE: Draft 2020-2021 Calendar

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The District 97 Calendar Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the district's administration, faculty and staff, met on January 23, 2019. The committee reviewed and made necessary updates to the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 draft calendars. They also created the draft 2020-2021 calendar. All three calendars are considered draft calendars until May of the final year of each calendar when the Board will take action and officially designate the last day for the school year.

The 2018-2019 final calendar will be brought to the Board of Education for approval at either the last meeting in April or the first meeting in May. The updated draft 2019-2020 calendar was approved by the Board of Education on February 26, 2019. Following conversations with Oak Park River Forest High School District 200 and River Forest Elementary School District 90, we are now ready to bring forward the draft 2020-2021 calendar for approval.

2020-2021 Draft Calendar - The committee has completed its work on a proposed calendar for the draft 2020-2021 school year. This proposed calendar complies with the number of student attendance days that are required by the Illinois School Code and the number of staff attendance days from the district's current collective bargaining agreements.

The Calendar Committee created the draft calendar according to the following goals: 1) alignment with District 200's major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring), 2) clustering days of non-attendance whenever possible, 3)balancing the length of trimesters, and 4) placing parent-teacher conferences at a point during the trimester that allows students time to address any performance concerns.

The 2020-2021 draft calendar is also created in alignment with Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code that addresses holidays and District 97 Board of Education Policy 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day. A school board may hold school or teachers' institutes on some school holidays provided the person(s) honored by the holiday are recognized through instruction conducted on that day. During the review of School Code, the committee learned that School Code lists Good Friday as a holiday and does not allow for school to be in session on this day. The Board will need to hold a public hearing prior to approval of the final calendar in order to hold school on the aforementioned school holidays. The following are some features of the 2020-2021 draft calendar:

- Teacher institute days are scheduled prior to the start of the school year and on elections days in November of 2020 and April of 2021.
- Schools will be closed in observance of Indigenous People's Day on October 12, 2020. District 200 has not made a decision about whether or not school will be in session on October 12, 2020.
- As has been the case for several years, the Calendar Committee is recommending schools remain open on Casimir Pulaski Day and Veteran's Day and that schools close on President's Day instead of Lincoln's Birthday.
- District 200 has established the dates for winter break. The draft 2020-2021 calendar aligns with District 200's winter break.
- District 200 and District 90 have not formally approved the 2021 spring break yet but have committed to scheduling spring break during the last week in March. Closing schools during the last week in March of 2021 will coincide with Good Friday and would result in one less shortened school week.

Holidays
Waived



Oak Park School District 97 School Calendar 2020-2021

Institute Days (No School)

Thursday, August 20, 2020
 Friday, August 21, 2020
 Tuesday, November 3, 2020
 Tuesday, April 6, 2021

First Day for Students

Monday, August 24, 2020

* Teacher Conferences – Half Days (AM Only)

Thursday, October 22, 2020
 Friday, October 23, 2020
 Thursday, February 4, 2021
 Friday, February 5, 2021

School Closed – Legal School Holidays / Non Attendance Days

Monday, September 7, 2020
 Monday, October 12, 2020
 Thursday, November 26, 2020
 Friday, December 25, 2020
 Friday January 1, 2021
 Monday, January 18, 2021
 Monday, February 15, 2021
 Friday, April 2, 2021
 Monday, May 31, 2021

Breaks (Thanksgiving / Winter / Spring)

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 – Friday, November 27, 2020
School Reopens Monday, November 30, 2020

Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
School Reopens Monday, January 4, 2021

Monday, March 29, 2021 – Friday, April 2, 2021
School Reopens Monday, April 5, 2021

Trimesters

1st Trimester ends - Friday, November 20, 2020
 2nd Trimester ends - Tuesday, March 2, 2021
 3rd Trimester ends - Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Report Cards Distributed

1st Trimester - Friday, December 4, 2020
 2nd Trimester - Tuesday, March 16, 2021
 3rd Trimester - Tuesday, June 8, 2021

August

Thursday, August 20, 2020.....Institute Day
 Friday, August 21, 2020.....Institute Day
Monday, August 24, 2020.....First Day of School

September

Monday, September 7, 2020 Labor Day

October

Monday, October 12, 2020.....Indigenous People's Day
 Thursday, October 22, 20201st Trimester Conferences
Half day (AM Only)
 Friday, October 23, 20201st Trimester Conferences
Half day (AM Only)

November

Tuesday, November 3, 2020.....Institute Day
 Wednesday, November 25, 2020.....Thanksgiving Break
 through Friday, November 27, 2020

December

Monday, December 21, 2020..... Winter Break
 through Friday, January 1, 2021

January

Monday, January 18, 2021 Dr. Martin L. King Day

February

Thursday, February 4, 2021.....2nd Trimester Conferences
Half Day (AM Only)
 Friday, February 5, 2021 2nd Trimester Conferences
Half day (AM Only)
 Monday, February 15, 2021..... President's Day

March

Monday, March 29, 2021.....Spring Break
 through Friday, April 2, 2021

April

Tuesday, April 6, 2021Institute Day

May

Monday, May 31, 2021.....Memorial Day

June

Wednesday, June 9, 2021.....Last Day of School

(June 2, 2021 if no snow/emergency days are used)