



Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

School districts across the province are involved in calendar amendments related to the new Ministry of Education Curriculum Implementation Plan that has recently been announced. The Ministry of Education and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF), supported by provincial partners in education, announced a plan to support the implementation of the new curriculum.

As part of this plan, school districts have been asked to add 10 hours of non-instructional time to this school year which will reduce instructional hours equivalent to two regular school days. The time will be provided for teachers to familiarize themselves with the new curriculum and to plan for its implementation in the coming year.

Coast Mountains School District in collaboration with the Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation has selected Friday, January 15, 2016 and Friday, April 29, 2016 as the two non-instructional training days. Both days were selected with a mind to minimizing the impact on families and student learning.

On November 25, 2015 the Board of Education approved a motion to amend the 2015-2016 School Calendar reflecting Friday, January 15, 2016 and Friday, April 29, 2016 as non-instructional days. The addition of these two non-instructional days will support Coast Mountains School District's teachers as they learn the new Ministry of Education curriculum. For clarity, students will not attend school on January 15 and April 29, 2016. Please view the amended 2015-2016 School Calendar as attached.

In response to the rapidly changing world that students are entering, the new Ministry of Education curriculum is being redesigned to help teachers create learning environments that are both engaging and personalized for students. The redesigned curriculum focuses on core competencies, essential learning and literacy and numeracy foundations. More information for parents can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>.

We are looking forward to the exciting times ahead in our classrooms as we help our students succeed in this changing world.

Sincerely,

Katherine McIntosh
Superintendent of Schools

Attachment

- Amended 2015-2016 School Calendar & Backgrounder (2 pages)



Amended 2015-2016 School Calendar
Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

September 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sept 7: Labour Day
Sept 8: First Day of School
Sept 25: ProD Day

October 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Oct 12: Thanksgiving Day
Oct 23: Provincial ProD Day

November 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Nov 11: Remembrance Day
Nov 20: ProD Day
Nov 25 & 26: Early Dismissal

December 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Dec 21-Jan 1: Winter Break

January 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Jan 1: New Year's Day
Jan 4: Back to School

February 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Feb 5: ProD Day
Feb 8: Family Day

March 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March 9 & 10: Early Dismissal
March 14-28: Spring Break
March 25 & 26: Good Friday & Easter Monday
March 29: Back to School

April 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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April 22: ProD Day

May 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

May 23: Victoria Day
May 27: District Planning Day

June 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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June 28: Last Day of School
June 30: Administrative Day

LEGEND:
 School/Statutory Holidays
 Non-Instructional and Administrative Days (Schools not in Session)
 Early Dismissal

Note: Summer Vacation - July & August 2016



Amended 2015-2016 School Calendar
Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Number of Non-Instructional Days	8
Number of Administrative Days	1
School Opening	Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2015
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Schools Closed for Winter Vacation	Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2016
Family Day	Monday, February 8, 2016
Schools Closed for Spring Vacation	Monday, March 14, 2016 to March 28, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	Monday, March 28, 2016
Schools Re-open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2016
Last Day of Instruction	Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Non-Instructional Days (Schools not in Session):	
Professional Development Day (ProD Day)	Friday, September 25, 2015
Provincial Professional Development Day (ProD Day)	Friday, October 23, 2015
Professional Development Day (ProD Day)	Friday, November 20, 2015
Curriculum Implementation Day	Friday, January 15, 2016
Professional Development Day (ProD Day)	Friday, February 5, 2016
Professional Development Day (ProD Day)	Friday, April 22, 2016
Curriculum Implementation Day	Friday, April 29, 2016
District Planning Day	Friday, May 27, 2016
Administrative Day:	Thursday, June 30, 2016
Minutes of Instruction (minutes/day)	
- Elementary Schools	292
- Middle & Secondary Schools	316
Early Dismissal Days:	
	Wednesday, November 25, 2015
	Thursday, November 26, 2015
	Wednesday, March 9, 2016
	Thursday, March 10, 2016