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Ministry of Education



2022-23 School Calendar Submissions

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The school calendar forms for the 2022-23 submission cycle are now ready.

There are two school calendar forms: the *School Calendar Form – General* and the *School Calendar Form – Online* (formerly called *Distributed*) *Learning*. In accordance with the *School Act*, boards must make their proposed calendars public by February 28, 2022 and submit their calendars to the Ministry by **March 31, 2022**.

School calendar forms and completion instructions are accessible via the <u>web-based portal</u>, where school district staff are also able to upload their completed school calendar forms to the Ministry.

To ensure your school district meets the March 31, 2022 submission deadline, **please share this information with school district staff, including your district's calendar coordinator.** This notification is being sent *only* to Superintendents, so it is important that Superintendents share this information with school district staff.

As outlined in the School Calendar Regulation, boards are required to offer the following hours of instruction in the 2022-23 and subsequent school years: **853 hours for Kindergarten, 878 hours for Grades 1 to 7, and 952 hours for Grades 8 to 12**. For your reference, the School Calendar Regulation is available on the <u>BC Laws website</u>.

The school calendar templates currently reflect September 30 as the Federal Government designated day for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation for federal employees and federally regulated workplaces. The Province continues to work with Indigenous leaders, organizations and communities to best decide how to remember and honour the children who were taken from their families. This work will be followed by an engagement process to obtain the perspectives of businesses, workers, unions and labour representatives. For the purpose of the school calendar templates, this day has been marked as an observance until further details are provided.

For any questions about the school calendar submission process, please contact Tracie Carlson, Legislative Coordinator, at the Legislation, Policy and Governance Branch at (250) 387-8037 or educ.schoolcalendars@gov.bc.ca.