

TO: Dr. Charles Johns FROM: Rosanne Williamson

RE: Revision to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar

DATE: October 22, 2019

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the revised school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

Start and end dates remain the same as the previously approved calendar. Friday, September 18, 2020 was mistakenly designated as a "students not in attendance" day for Rosh Hashana; however, Rosh Hashanah is actually Saturday, September 19, 2020. This change allows us to add an emergency day the day after spring break, Monday, March 29, 2021.

Background

The school calendar preparation guidelines are included for your reference. This revision is in keeping with these guidelines.

Given this minor revision, this item will be placed on the consent agenda for the November 12, 2019 Board meeting.

2020-2021 School Calendar

GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS 225

Board Approved: September 9, 2019 Revised:

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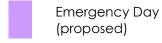
School Closed/Holiday

Glenbrook Day (non attendance day for students)

Students not in attendance

Teacher Institute
(non attendance day for students)

Beginning/End of Semester



School Calendar Preparation

For planning purposes and as a service to our students, staff, and school community, Glenbrook High School District 225 develops its school calendar two years in advance. District 225 works collaboratively with all township feeder districts (27, 28, 30, 31, and 34) to coordinate winter and spring breaks. The beginning and ending dates for the school year, as well as holidays and professional development days, are likely to vary for each district. The following factors are considered in developing the final calendar:

- The school year provides for 178 student attendance days and 5 additional staff attendance days, for a total of 183 days.
- Ten emergency days are scheduled as part of the calendar to compensate for emergency closings. These days will be canceled if they are not needed.
- School begins near the end of August to correspond with the beginning of athletic practices and contests for high school students.
- For academic purposes, efforts are made to schedule an equal number of days for each grading period and semester.
- Three Glenbrook Days for faculty work and professional development are scheduled for the school year. Two of these are scheduled in August, immediately prior to when the students are scheduled to start school. The third Glenbrook Day occurs in June and is the last day of attendance by teachers.
- A maximum of eight granted holidays are marked with an "X" and typically they include: Day after Thanksgiving, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and Good Friday.
- Legal holidays are marked on the calendar with a "X" if they fall during the week. They include: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday*, Lincoln's Birthday*, Casimir Pulaski Day*, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day*, Veteran's Day*, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

*The Board held a public hearing and took official action approving legal school holiday modifications for the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (third Monday in January), the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (February 12), the birthday of Casimir Pulaski (first Monday in March), Columbus Day (second Monday in October), and Veterans' Day (November 11). Although traditionally only Lincoln's Birthday, Pulaski Day and Columbus Day are modified for use as a student attendance day or District Institute Day, approving modifications to all legal school holidays allows for greater flexibility.

- Winter break will typically include two full weeks and three weekends to accommodate travel and vacation plans for our students and families.
- Spring break will generally be one week and is consistently scheduled during the last week in March, so as not to conflict with school board elections in April.
- Graduation Day for seniors is typically scheduled to occur on the Sunday before the last week of school for non-seniors.
- All calendars are available on the district and school websites.