

**West Hartford Public School District**

**Agenda Item:** Proposed Calendar for the 2013-2014 School Year (First Reading)

**Meeting Date:** February 29, 2012

**From:** Karen L. List, Superintendent

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education review as a first reading the proposed calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Background:**

The Board adopts school calendars for two subsequent years beyond the current year, providing parents, students, and teachers sufficient planning time for personal and professional activities. The Board presently has adopted calendars for the current 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year. The proposed calendar for 2013-2014 is designed to provide for optimal educational experiences, to reflect input from educators, and to closely align with suggested guidelines by the Hartford Area Superintendents Association (HASA) and the Capital Region Education Council that provide for reasonable compatibility with neighboring communities.

Last year a HASA workgroup developed the following recommendations, which have been taken into consideration in compiling the 2013-2014 proposed calendar:

First Day of School

- If Labor Day falls on September 1, 2, 3,4, or 5, the first day of school would be the Wednesday prior to Labor Day.
- If Labor Day falls on September 6 or 7, the first day of school would be on the Monday before Labor Day.

Holiday/Vacations:

- The decision to observe **Veteran's Day** as a school holiday will be optional to each local district.
- The decision about the observance of **religious holidays** (i.e. Jewish holidays, Three Kings Day) will be optional to local districts.
- **February Vacation** (winter break) will coincide with the Presidents' Day holiday; districts may vary in length of time taken for vacation during this week.
- **April Vacation** (spring break) will be scheduled for the third full week in April.

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Also taken into consideration in developing the proposed calendar was a discussion at the March 15, 2011 Board meeting not to include a short February vacation or a week in March.

There are many variables that affect the school calendar, such as when religious holidays fall and whether or not it is possible to combine holidays with school vacations. In developing the calendar we strive to arrange for the earliest possible last day of school in order to allow for summer school and summer activities such as camp and family vacations to begin on schedule.

**Proposed Calendar**



Dr. Karen L. List  
Superintendent

TOTAL DAYS: 182  
First semester - 91  
Second semester - 91

West Hartford, Connecticut

# School Calendar - 2013-2014

First Semester 91 Days						Important Dates		Second Semester 91 Days																																																																	
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Note: Yom Kippur falls on Sat., Sept. 14.

The last day of school is scheduled for June 13. All snow or emergency days will be made up after this date in order to provide 182 instructional days.

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