

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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POLICY
School Calendar**

Under the *School Act*, on or before May 31 of each school year, the Board of Education must, in accordance with the provisions of the School Calendar Regulations, provide a school calendar for the following school year to every parent of a student in each of the schools in the district. The Board is required to operate each school in accordance with the published school calendar. The Board may adopt a local school calendar which differs from the Standard School Calendar for one or more schools in the district or for a specified group(s) of students in a school in the school district.

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS:

Standard School Calendar is defined as the five year Standard School Calendar regulated and issued by the Ministry of Education in accordance with Section 77 and 78 of the *School Act* and the provisions of the School Calendar Regulation.

Local School Calendar is defined as a school calendar which differs from the Standard School Calendar issued by the Ministry of Education.

PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR:

A proposal for a local school calendar shall comply with the requirements of the *School Act*, the School Calendar Regulations (Section 5.1), and any applicable Ministerial orders.

Prior to the adoption of a Local School Calendar the Board is required to consult with parents and employees of the Board by adhering to the following procedure:

- Give notice of a public and informal meeting to discuss the Boards intention to consider a variation of the Standard School Calendar;

Cross Refs:

Adopted: January 15, 2008
Reviewed:
Revised:

- Give notice of a public Board meeting and provide a copy of the proposed school calendar to both the parents of the students enrolled in the school(s) affected by the proposal and to the representatives of employees of the Board assigned to the school(s) at least one month before the meeting scheduled to adopt the school calendar; and
- Adopt the school calendar at a public Board meeting.

AMENDMENT TO A STANDARD CALENDAR:

At any time pursuant to the School Calendar Regulations (Section 4.2) the Board may make an amendment to the Standard School Calendar providing that notice of the amendment is made available both to the employees of the Board assigned to the school(s) and to the parents of the students enrolled in the school(s).

AMENDMENT TO A LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR:

At any time pursuant to the School Calendar Regulation (Section 4.3) the Board may make an amendment to the Local School Calendar providing that the amendment is adopted at a public meeting and notice of the meeting with details of the proposed amendment is provided to parents of the students in the school(s) to which the amendment is applicable and to representatives of employees of the Board assigned to the school(s). Such notice must be given at least one month before the meeting to adopt the amendment.

NOTICE:

Notice to parents may be given through distribution to students at each school. Notice to representatives of employees of the Board shall be given in writing. Failure to provide notice to any individual parent or employee, unless bad faith is shown, shall not invalidate any action taken on a school calendar proposal or amendment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL:

A school calendar proposal which has been adopted by the Board shall continue for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months in accordance with its terms unless amended pursuant to provisions of this bylaw, legislation or Ministerial order.