

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

6.910

POLICY

Purpose

Policy has been created to identify Board priorities for the annual school district calendar. Identifying priorities will increase transparency and help educate the public when calendars are created and approved.

VALUES

In its consideration of this Policy, the Board has been guided by the values of fairness and equity, respect for consultation with educational stakeholders, and the Board's responsibility to provide a balanced instructional calendar in order to support students and the educational community.

Guiding Principles

When draft calendars are created for the Board to consider, they will reflect the Board's key values and priorities for calendars. When it comes to school district calendars, the Board will:

1. consider those students and families who might be adversely affected by significant interruptions to learning and increased unstructured time. i.e. vulnerable learners, special needs students, working families;
2. advocate for as many days of in-class instruction as possible, with a focus on instructional days in session rather than minutes of instruction;
3. ensure sufficient *Instructional Days* in order to provide the School Act required *Instructional Minutes* within a school day;
4. where possible, combine Professional Development Days with statutory holiday weekends in order to extend family breaks to four days;
5. complies with Ministry statues and regulations.

Adopted: November 23, 2021