**2016-2017 FINAL Calendar**

**2016-2017 School Calendar**
Bismarck Public Schools  
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**2016**
- June 13 – July 26: Camp Edventure Elem. Summer School
- Middle Sr. High Summer School #1
- July 6 – July 26: Middle Sr. High Summer School #2
- July 4 – July 5: 4th of July, no school - ND
- July 5 – August 22: 4th of July Break, no school – BPS
- Aug. 22-24: Staff Dev/Teacher Work Days – ND/BPS
- Aug. 25: First Day of School
- Sept. 5 – 10: Labor Day, no school - ND
- Oct. 19: Staff Development Day, no school – ND/BPS
- Oct. 20-21: NDCEL Convention, no school - ND
- Nov. 11: Veterans’ Day, no school - ND
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day, no school – ND
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Break, no school
- Dec. 22: Last Day of School before Holidays
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day, no school – ND

**2017**
- Jan 5: New Year’s Day Off, no school - ND
- Jan 3: School Starts After Holidays
- Jan. 16: Dec. 6 Storm Day: there will be school K-12 – BPS
- Feb. 20: President’s Day, no school – BPS
- Feb. 21: Staff Development, no school – ND/BPS
- Mar. 10 – 11: Nov. 30 Storm Day: there will be school K-12 – ND
- Mar. 13: Staff Development Day Off, no school – ND
- Apr. 14: Good Friday, no school – ND
- Apr. 17: Possible Storm Make Up Day;
- Parent Teacher Conference Day Off, no school-ND
- May 25: SCIS Graduation, 4 pm, Career Academy
- May 25: ALC Graduation, 7 pm, Career Academy
- May 26 & Nov. 29 Storm Day: there will be school K-12 – ND
- May 28: CHS Graduation, 1 pm, Event Center
- May 28: BHS Graduation, 4 pm, Event Center
- May 28: LHS Graduation, 7 pm, Event Center
- May 29: Memorial Day, no school – ND
- May 30: Teacher Work Day – BPS

- June 5 – July 18: Camp Edventure Elem. Summer School
- June 5 – July 13: Middle Level Summer School
- July 3 & 4: Camp Ed & Middle School 2 days off
- June 5 – June 23: Senior High Summer School #1
- June 26 – July 19: Senior High Summer School #2
- July 3, 4 & 5: Senior High 3 days off

**ND/BPS**
- First & last day of school.
- No school for ALL students
- Storm Makeup Days; students/teachers do not have school; conferences held earlier or later.

**Gr. K-5**
- End of 1st Trimester: Nov. 18
- End of 2nd Trimester: Feb. 17
- End of 3rd Trimester: May 25

**Gr. 6-12**
- End of 1st 9 weeks: Oct. 28, 43 days
- End of 2nd 9 weeks: Jan. 13, 44 days
- End of 3rd 9 weeks: Mar. 24, 45 days
- End of 4th 9 weeks: May 25, 43 days

**ND**
- State required days or off.

**BPS**
- Local employee contract days or off.

**First day of school**
- Sept. 5

**ND/BPS**
- Storm Makeup Days: students teachers do not have school, conferences held earlier or later.

**BPS**
- Local employee contract days or off.

**Release Date:** 12/22/15  
**Updated:** 2/14/17
Bismarck Public School District’s Calendar Process:

A committee of teachers, parents and school administrators begin work on the school calendar in October. Draft(s) are presented to the Superintendent and School Board in November. The board typically asks the administration to gather feedback from teachers and parents/guardians and sometimes students regarding the calendar draft(s). The board approves the final calendar in late November or early December for the coming school year. The final calendar is sent home before Christmas. It is also posted on the school district website at www.bismarckschools.org under the Calendars link on the left. This timeframe gives parents sufficient time to make day care, vacation, and other arrangements.

N.D. law regarding SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
According to state law in North Dakota, school may not be in session:

1. Any Sunday
2. New Year’s Day, the first day of January
3. Good Friday, the Friday preceding Easter Sunday
4. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May
5. Fourth of July
6. Labor Day, the first Monday in September
7. Veteran’s Day, the eleventh day of November
8. Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
9. Christmas Day, the 25th day of December
10. Any day declared to be a public holiday by the President of the United States or the governor of North Dakota.

NOTE: If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the district will observe the holiday on the preceding Friday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed the following Monday.

N.D. law regarding SCHOOL CALENDARS:
According to ND law, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at least 182 days:

1. 175 days of instruction/student contact days
2. 3 paid holidays selected by the school board and teachers (in Bismarck Public Schools, these have typically been Veteran’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Good Friday)
3. 2 days for parent-teacher conferences
4. 2 days professional development days for teachers

OTHER
- The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction also requires school districts to put 2 snow/storm make up days on the calendar.
- School districts must also provide two unpaid days off in the school calendar for teachers to attend the NDEA Teachers Convention in mid-October.
- BPS also provides 5 additional professional development/teacher classroom work days for teachers, which results in a 187 day contract (vs. 182 minimum required by state law).