

The Charge

“A standing Academic Calendar Committee is established to study and make recommendations with respect to a unified calendar for the 2013/14 school year.”

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School Calendar Guiding Principles

- Develop a calendar which facilitates and supports high quality instruction
- Develop a calendar that balances the need for uninterrupted student learning days with necessary breaks for staff development and vacations
- Engage parents, students, teachers and administrators in the calendar development process to ensure that the school calendar meets the needs of all stakeholders

Calendar development

To develop the 2013-14 calendar, we sought feedback from:

- Parents and students (via online survey)
- Parents (via focus groups)
- Principals and Assistant Principals (via online survey and focus groups)
- Teachers (via online survey)
- Network Chiefs
- Central Office Departments

Proposed 2013-14 Calendar

Key Components

- Classes begin the Monday before Labor Day for all CPS students
- Non-attendance day for students and school-based staff on the day before Thanksgiving
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Report card pickup days) are held on the same day for elementary and high schools
- Repositioned professional development days to better serve schools and teachers
 - 3 days at the beginning of the year to prep for the new year
 - 1 day at the end of each quarter for data review and planning
 - 3 days of PD time that can be used flexibly across the school year
- 28 uninterrupted weeks of student attendance