School Calendar

Each school year the Superintendent or designee will form a committee to provide input in the development of a school calendar for the following school year. In compliance with policy, law, and the negotiated agreement, the committee will develop several options for school calendars to present to the Superintendent for consideration by November 1. The Superintendent will consider the committee's recommendations when preparing a calendar and will inform the Board of the selected calendar by December 1.

The committee will include the Bismarck Education Association (BEA) president or their designee, two teachers selected by the BEA, an elementary principal, a middle school principal, a high school principal, an elementary parent, a secondary parent, and a central office staff member. Additional members can be added to the committee at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Calendar Expectations

The school calendar plays a crucial role in supporting effective instruction and meaningful family engagement. To ensure alignment with District values and legal requirements, the following expectations outline guidelines for scheduling parent-teacher conferences and maintaining high-quality instructional time.

- Parent-teacher conferences provide valuable opportunities to connect with families, although these connections should ideally be made well before the first scheduled conference. When scheduling parent-teacher conferences, please adhere to the following guidelines:
    - Conferences may not be scheduled on election days, typically the first Tuesday in November.
    - Conferences **should not** be held on Wednesday evenings.
    - Virtual conferences are acceptable if all parties agree to the format.
- BPS believes students achieve their best when engaged in high-quality, well-rounded instruction. To ensure ample instructional time, BPS is committed to providing a minimum of 174 instructional days within the school calendar.

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