

2015-2016
and
2016-2017
School Calendars

CUSD Calendar Adoption Process

- Twenty-three member Calendar Committee meets annually
- Strive to have calendars approved at least one year in advance
 - 2015-2016 calendar adopted on June 25, 2014
 - 2016-2017 calendar adopted on March 11, 2015

Over-riding Goals for Calendar Committee

- Recommend a calendar that:
 - Contributes to the quality of education for students
 - Allows for delivery of a wide array of educational programs and services
 - Fair to our students and families, as well as our employees and the community at large
 - Is educationally, operationally and fiscally sound
- Our Calendar Must Haves:
 - 180 student instructional days
 - 5 pupil-free teacher work days
 - Statutory holidays (Per Ed. Code 37220)

CUSD Calendar Historical Facts

- Post Labor Day start except 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2005-2006
- Full week of Thanksgiving began in 2004-2005 school year and has continued since
 - Except 2006-2007 had Wednesday – Friday break
- Earliest post-Labor Day start—Sept. 2, 2008
- Latest post-Labor Day start—Sept. 9, 2013
- Latest end date—June 24, 2014

Rationale for Upcoming Calendars

- Aligns program start dates
- Provides more uninterrupted blocks of instructional days
- First semester ends before Winter Break
- Allows all CUSD students to participate in wider range of summer activities
- Gives AP/IB students three additional weeks of instruction before high stakes testing
- Allows students to participate in summer college programs
- Aligns with start of Saddleback College
- Aligns to CIF calendar
- Is in line with 19 of the 28 Orange County districts

Communication Plan

- 2015-2016 Calendar
 - **Posted online since June 2014**
 - Advertised via site ListServ and newsletter communications throughout the year
- 2016-2017 Calendar
 - **Posted online in March 2015**
 - District-issued press release in March 2015
 - CapoTalk coverage in March/April 2015
 - CUCPTSA presentation in March 2015
 - Communication to CUSD employees March 2015