



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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To: Members, Board of Education  
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

From: Laurie Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Re: Draft Calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year

Date: January 9, 2018

The District 97 Calendar Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the district's administration, faculty and staff, has completed its work on a proposed calendar for the 2019-20 school year. This proposed calendar complies with the number of student attendance days that are required by the Illinois School Code and the number of staff attendance days from the district's current collective bargaining agreements.

The Calendar Committee began by identifying priorities for the development of the 2019-2020 Calendar. Aligning with District 200's major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring), clustering days of non-attendance whenever possible, creating a calendar that provides for the instructional needs of our students, and placing parent-teacher conferences at a point during the trimester that allows students time to address any performance concerns.

After identifying priorities, the Committee reviewed Section 24-2 of the Illinois School Code that addresses holidays and District 97 Board of Education Policy 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day. A school board may hold school or teachers' institutes on some school holidays provided the person(s) honored by the holiday are recognized through instruction conducted on that day. The Calendar Committee is recommending that schools should be open on Casimir Pulaski Day, that schools close on President's Day instead of Lincoln's Birthday, and that schools remain open in honor of Veteran's Day. During the review of School Code, the Committee learned that School Code lists Good Friday as a holiday and does not allow for school to be in session on this day. The Board will need to hold a public hearing prior to approval of the final calendar in order to hold school on the aforementioned school holidays.

Below are several important aspects of the proposed calendar the committee would like to highlight for the board and general public.

- The major breaks (Thanksgiving, winter and spring) and most federal holidays (Labor Day, Memorial Day, etc.) will continue to be in sync with District 200. District 200 will be open on Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 14, 2019. The Calendar Committee discussed whether to remain in session or to close on this day to align with the high school. If District 97 were to remain open, the last day of school would fall on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> with Institute Day on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Illinois State Board of Education recommends that schools, which also serve as polling places, close on election days. Institute Days are scheduled on the two election days – Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- The 2019-2020 school year is starting approximately a week later than the 2018-2019 school year. During the summer of 2019, both Lincoln and Longfellow will be undergoing construction. In order to provide more time for construction, the student school year will begin on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Staff will start the year with two Institute Days prior to the first day of student attendance and will end the year with an Institute Day following the last day of student attendance. This placement helps reduce the number of interruptions during the school year.


**Oak Park School District 97**  
**Draft School Calendar For 2019-2020**

September							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
1	H	3	4	5	6	7	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	5
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5
29	30						1
							0
Attendance Total							20

December							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	5
22	X	X	H	X	X	28	0
29	X	X					0
							0
Total							15

March							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4
22	X	X	X	X	X	28	0
29	30	31					2
							0
Total							16

June							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Total
	1	2	3	*(4	5	6	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	0
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	0
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	0
28	29	30					0
Total							4

Legal School Holiday	H
Teacher Institutes	TI
Not in Attendance	X
Half-Day P/T Conferences	PT
End of Grading Period	*
School Begins	(
School Ends	)
Emergency Day	

Labor Day - 9/2/2019  
Indigenous Peoples' Day - 10/14/2019  
Veteran's Day - 11/11/2019  
Thanksgiving Day - 11/28/2019  
Christmas Day - 12/25/2019  
New Year's Day - 1/1/2020  
M.L. King's Birthday - 1/20/2020  
President's Day - 2/17/2020  
Memorial Day - 5/25/2020

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Trimester 1 Report Card Distribution Date: December 6, 2019  
Trimester 2 Report Card Distribution Date: March 13, 2020  
Trimester 3 Report Card Distribution Date: June 11, 2020



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## School Calendar 2019-2020

### Institute Days (No School)

Friday, August 23, 2019  
 Monday, August 26, 2019  
 Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
 Friday, February 14, 2020  
 Tuesday, March 17, 2020  
 Friday, June 5, 2020

### First Day for Students – Regular Tuesday Schedule

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

### \* Teacher Conferences – Half Days (AM Only)

Thursday, October 24, 2019  
 Friday, October 25, 2019  
 Thursday, January 30, 2020  
 Friday, January 31, 2020

### School Closed – Legal School Holidays / Non Attendance Days

Monday, September 2, 2019  
 Monday, October 14, 2019  
 Thursday, November 28, 2019  
 Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
 Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
 Monday, January 20, 2020  
 Monday, February 17, 2020  
 Friday, April 10, 2020  
 Monday, May 25, 2020

### Breaks (Thanksgiving / Winter / Spring)

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 – Friday, November 29, 2019  
**School Reopens Monday, December 2, 2019**

Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020  
**School Reopens Monday, January 6, 2020**

Monday, March 23, 2020 – Friday, March 27, 2020  
**School Reopens Monday, March 30, 2020**

### Trimesters

1<sup>st</sup> Trimester ends - Friday, November 15, 2019  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester ends - Friday, February 28, 2020  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester ends - Thursday, June 4, 2020

### Report Cards Distributed

1<sup>st</sup> Trimester - Friday, December 6, 2019  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester - Friday, March 13, 2020  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester - Thursday, June 11, 2020

**\* Conferences are held at various times during the weeks of October 21 and January 27. Please check with the school.**

### August

Friday, August 23, 2019.....Institute Day  
 Monday, August 26, 2019.....Institute Day  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2019.....First Day of school**

### September

Monday, September 2, 2019 ..... Labor Day

### October

Monday, October 14, 2019.....Indigenous Peoples' Day  
 Thursday, October 24, 2019 .....1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Conferences  
**Half day (AM Only)**  
 Friday, October 25, 2019 .....1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Conferences  
**Half day (AM Only)**

### November

Wednesday, November 27, 2019.....Thanksgiving Break  
 through Friday, November 29, 2019

### December

Monday, December 23, 2019..... Winter Break  
 through Friday, January 3, 2020

### January

Monday, January 20, 2020 ..... Dr. Martin L. King Day  
 Thursday, January 30, 2020.....2nd Trimester Conferences  
**Half Day (AM Only)**  
 Friday, January 31, 2020 ..... 2nd Trimester Conferences  
**Half day (AM Only)**

### February

Friday, February 14, 2020..... Institute Day  
 Monday, February 17, 2020..... President's Day

### March

Monday, March 17, 2020 ..... Institute Day  
 Monday, March 23, 2020.....Spring Break  
 through Friday, March 27, 2020

### April

Friday, April 10, 2020 .....Non Attendance Day

### May

Monday, May 25, 2020.....Memorial Day  
 Thursday, June 4, 2020.....School Ends  
**Full day of school**

(If no snow/emergency days are used)

### June

Friday, June 5, 2020.....Institute Day

<b>2019-2020 School Calendar Comparison - D97 and D200*</b>			
<b>Holiday/Event</b>	<b>District 97</b>	<b>District 200</b>	
First day of school for students	8/28/2019	8/20/2019	
Labor Day	9/2/2019	9/2/2019	
Indigenous Peoples' Day	10/14/2019	In attendance	
Thanksgiving Holiday(s)	11/27/2019, 11/28/2019, 11/29/2019	11/27/2019, 11/28/2019, 11/29/2019	
Winter Break	12/23/2019-1/3/2020 (School reopens on Monday, January 6, 2020)	12/23/2019-1/6/2020 (School reopens Tuesday, January 7, 2020)	
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	1/20/2020	1/20/2020	
President's Day (observed instead of Lincoln's Birthday)	2/17/2020	2/17/2020	
Spring Break	3/23/2020-3/27/2020	3/23/2020-3/27/2020	
No School (Good Friday)	4/10/2020	No information about attendance yet	
Memorial Day	5/25/2020	5/25/2020	
Last Day of School	6/4/2020	5/28/2020	

\*Note: D200 adopted a draft calendar for the 2019-2020 school year at their December 12, 2017 meeting.

The 2019-2020 draft calendar includes "probable start and end of school dates for staff and students, and likely winter and spring breaks and legal holidays".