

# **2009-10 School Calendar**

**School District of the City of Royal Oak**

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# **First Day for Students: September 8, 2009**

## **Why is the first day of school so late this year?**

- Beginning in 2005-06, Michigan public schools are prohibited from holding classes before Labor Day
- Labor Day is  
Monday, September 7, 2009

# Labor Day: 2008-2013

2008: Monday, September 1, 2008

**2009: Monday, September 7, 2009**

2010: Monday, September 6, 2010

2011: Monday, September 5, 2011

2012: Monday, September 3, 2012

2013: Monday, September 2, 2013

# 2009-10 School Breaks

## **When will the School Breaks occur in the 2009-10 school year?**

- Beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, PA 101 requires that each constituent district and intermediate school district complies with the adopted Common School Calendar
- Common School Calendar Breaks: Winter Holiday Break and Spring Break

# Common School Breaks

## When are the common School Breaks for the 2009-10 school year?

- Winter Holiday Break:  
Monday, December 21, 2009--  
Friday, January 1, 2010
- Spring Break:  
Monday, April 5, 2010--  
Friday, April 9, 2010

# Other School Breaks

## **When will other School Breaks in 2009-10 be determined?**

- Other School Breaks are established through the collective bargaining process with the teachers' union (Royal Oak Education Association)

# Required Hours of Instruction

## How long are students in school each year?

- Beginning in 2003-04, the Michigan State School Aid Act established a minimum of 1098 hours of instruction per year

# Days of Instruction

**With a later start to the 2009-10 school year, will students be in school longer?**

- A longer school year due to a later 2009 Labor Day Holiday will be determined through the collective bargaining process with the teachers' union (Royal Oak Education Association)

# Michigan's School Year (compared to other states)

- Michigan is one of only 7 states which have no state policy pertaining to a minimum number of school days  
(others are: DE, ID, MN, NE, OR, SD)
- All other 43 states have state policies establishing a minimum number of school days  
(29 of those states set a minimum of 180 days)

Source: U.S. Dept of Education  
[http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d08/tables/dt08\\_166.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d08/tables/dt08_166.asp)

# Days of Instruction: District Comparison

	Number of Student Days	Number of Teacher Days
Berkley	177	181
Birmingham	176	180
Bloomfield Hills	178	188
Brighton	170	178
Clawson	178	179
Farmington	180	186
Lake Orion	180	186
Oxford	170	174
<b>Royal Oak</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>186</b>
Troy	179	186
Walled Lake	169	179

Source: Districts' Response about 2008-09 school year

# **New 2009-10 Calendar Information**

## **Where may updated calendar information be found?**

- District website  
([www.royaloakschools.com](http://www.royaloakschools.com))
- Electronic Folders (e-folders) at each elementary school (see website for further information or call school office for details)
- Building Principal or Main Office staff
- Administrative Offices (1123 Lexington Blvd. Royal Oak, 48073)