1) When is the Albuquerque Public Schools Calendar developed?
The calendar is generally developed for a two-year period. However, this year the
Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education decided to approve only the 2007-2008
school year calendar. The Board asked the calendar committee to reconsider the 2008-
2009 calendar and get more parent input. A calendar committee usually starts meeting in
November and a draft calendar is presented to the APS Board of Education in February
or March. For example, the committee for the traditional school calendars started meeting
in November 2006.

2) Who makes up the APS Calendar Committee?
The Calendar Committee is composed of parents, teachers, principals, union
representatives, other district staff and administrators. The committee is chaired by the
APS Labor Relations Director.

3) Are there certain rules or regulations APS must follow in developing a calendar?
The state Public Education Department requires 180 days of student instruction and a
minimum number of days per semester. This is the first consideration in developing a
calendar.

4) What other issues are considered when developing the APS Calendar?
In addition to state regulations, the calendar committee considers input from students,
parents, APS staff and the community. In the past, and again this year, these groups have
requested that the first semester end before Winter Break, so that high school students
can complete their semester exams before the Winter Break; that Spring Break be
scheduled near the middle of the second semester, and after state-mandated testing; that
the end of the school year is before Memorial Day, so that students do not have to come
back after that holiday; that Fall Break be scheduled either during the Balloon Fiesta in
October or to coincide with Columbus Day, a state and federal holiday; and that Winter
Break last about two weeks.

5) How is the first day of school determined?
Based on the considerations above, the committee determines when they want Winter
Break to begin and count backwards from that date. They take into consideration holidays
and Fall Break to determine the first day of school for a given school year.

6) How can a parent or community member have input into the development of the
APS Calendar?
Parents can contact their child’s principal to let their views be known. Both parents and
community members also can contact the APS Labor Relations Office at 889-4850.
Once it has been developed, the proposed calendar will now also be posted on the APS
web site at www.aps.edu for public input directly to the Board of Education.
7) What about year-round calendars?
Calendars for year-round schools are developed in the same way, however, parents, teachers and administrators from schools on year-round schedules have more input into their schools’ calendars. These calendars are developed on the same timeline as the traditional calendar; however, they are usually not approved by the APS Board of Education until after the traditional calendar has been approved. Approval of the year-round schools calendars occurs every year in March or April.

Albuquerque Public Schools 2007-08
Traditional School Calendar

**Date, Day,** | **Event**
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Aug. 8, Wednesday | Staff report to schools
Aug. 9-10, Thursday, Friday | School Registration
Aug. 14, Tuesday | First Day of Classes
Sept. 3, Monday | Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 8, Monday | Fall Break (no classes)
Nov. 21-23, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 21, Friday | Last Day of Classes (end of fall semester)
Dec. 24- Jan. 4 | Semester Break (no classes)
Jan. 7, 2008, Monday | Spring Semester Begins (first day of classes)
Jan. 21, Monday | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Feb. 18, Monday | Presidents’ Day Holiday
March 21-28 | Spring Break
May 21, Wednesday | Last Day of Classes (end of spring semester)
May 22-23, Thursday, Friday | Snow Make-Up Days (if needed)
May 26, Monday | Memorial Day Holiday
May 27-28, Tuesday, Wednesday | Snow Make-Up Days (if needed)