

Albuquerque Public Schools
Frequently Asked Questions
about Calendars

(The 2006-2007 calendar follows this section)

1) When is the Albuquerque Public Schools Calendar developed?

The calendar is developed for a two-year period. 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 2005-06 and 2006-07 traditional school calendars started meeting in November 2004.

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 at least 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 842-3524.

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 two years in March or April.

**Albuquerque Public Schools
2006-07
Traditional School Calendar**

Date, Day	Event
Aug. 8-9, Tuesday-Wednesday.....	Registration
Aug. 10, Thursday	First Day of School
Sept. 4, Monday.....	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 9, Monday.....	Fall Break
(Nov. 11, Saturday.....)	Veterans’ Day)
Nov. 23-24, Thursday-Friday.....	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 15, Friday.....	End of First Semester
Dec. 18 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3, Wednesday.....	Start of Second Semester
Jan. 15, Monday.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Feb. 19, Monday.....	Presidents’ Day Holiday
March 26-30, Monday-Friday	Spring Break
April 6, Friday.....	Vernal Holiday
May 22, Tuesday	Last Day of Classes
May 23-24, Wednesday-Thursday.....	Make-Up Days if necessary
May 28, Monday.....	Memorial Day