Student Calendar



Orange Unified School District



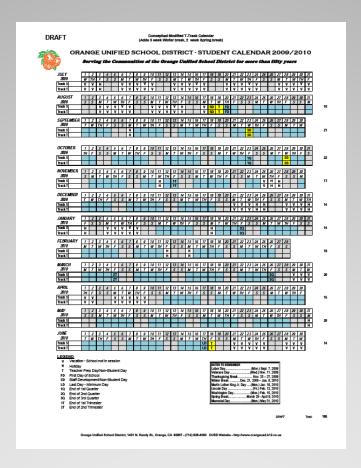
Current Board Approved Calendar 2009-2010

The Current OUSD Student Calendar

- •Nearly 35% of OUSD Schools are currently on an S-track year-round student calendar (14 out of 41).
- •The current S-track calendar begins in mid to late July and runs through mid June with three breaks of three weeks set evenly throughout the school year.
- •The current T-track calendar begins the week before Labor Day and ends in mid June with a two week winter and one week spring break.

Why Consider a New Student Calendar?

- •State Fiscal Crisis: OUSD is facing a \$40 million shortfall over the next two and a half years.
- •Simply put: Running two separate school calendars is more costly than running a single track.
- •Ongoing savings: A decision to move to a single traditional style calendar will save OUSD a minimum of \$500,000 per year.



Proposed Conceptual Modified "T" Track Calendar 2009-2010

The Development of the Recommended Calendar:

- Several versions were studied.
- •Committee focus: Combine educational benefits of a year-round schedule with cost saving features of a traditional calendar.
- •The recommended calendar was viewed as being the best in terms of meeting these combined interests.

The Recommended Calendar Compared with the Current T-track Student Calendar:

- •The proposed calendar has a three week winter holiday break (the same as the current S-track).
- •The proposed calendar also has a two week spring holiday break.
- •The additional school days have been attached to the beginning of school in August.

The composition of the Calendar Committee:

- •Several elementary, middle, and high school principals (from both Strack and T-track schools).
- •District specialists, including Ed Kissee, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Rachelle Morga, Executive Director, Elementary Education; Chris Reider, Executive Director, Secondary Education; and Linda Stoterau, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator;
- •Employee association representatives, Whitney Amsbary, Vice President, Orange Unified Education Association; and John Miller, President, California School Employees Association, Chapter 67.
- •The recommended calendar has been reviewed by the Superintendent and the Executive Cabinet, and was presented to the Board of Education for information on February 12, 2009.

The Recommended Calendar is Educationally Sound and is Compatible with High School Programs.

- •The same number of instructional days prior to the major assessment windows as the current T-track calendar:
 - √The STAR testing window is from April 26 May 24 in 2010 142 instructional days in advance for both calendars.
 - √The Advanced Placement (AP) Exam window is the first two
 weeks of May 147 instructional days in advance for each.
- •The recommended calendar also provides two "year-round" features that have been considered as having a positive impact on instruction:
 - √The same number of instructional days over a longer period.
 - √ Two multi-week breaks.
- •High School principals report that the recommended calendar is neutral relative to its effect on high school programs including athletics.

- In light of the \$40 Million shortfall facing OUSD, there is a need to go to a single District-wide student calendar.
- ➤ The recommended calendar is educationally sound and provides a minimum of \$500,000 in annual savings to the District.
- ➤It is recommended that the "Conceptual Modified T-track Calendar" be approved by the Board of Education for all District schools for the 2009-2010 school year.