

2020-2021 SDIRC Instructional Calendar Fact Sheet

The Instructional Calendar (IC) Committee takes many things into consideration when determining when school starts and ends as well as all the dates in between. Below are some relevant facts that the IC Committee used to create the IC.

1. Florida Statutes article 1001.42 (3)(f) refers to the earliest date school can start in August. Article 1001.42 (3)(f) Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date. – Adopt policies for opening and closing of schools and fix uniform dates; however, the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than August 10 of each year. Families should plan on school starting on August 10th every year, or the next “school day” if the 10th falls on the weekend.
2. Emergency days are also known as hurricane/natural disaster make-up days. At least two emergency days must be built into the calendar. If we do not use a designated emergency day, there will be no school on that date.
3. Three of the last days of the 1st semester and 2nd semester shall be Early Release days per the Collective Bargaining Agreement contract between School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) and the Indian River County Education Association (IRCEA).
4. One day a month will be designated as a modified instruction day per the Collective Bargaining Agreement contract between the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) and the Indian River County Education Association (IRCEA).
5. Teachers work 196 days per the Collective Bargaining Agreement contract between the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) and the Indian River County Education Association (IRCEA).
6. Spring Break cannot be scheduled the week of March 29, thru April 2 because the window for testing starts the 6th of April.
7. Yom Kippur (9/28), Veterans Day (11/11), and Good Friday (4/2) are days off.
8. The committee decided not to schedule emergency days the week of Thanksgiving or before and after any break. Although these days are tentative days off, used to pad the school year with extra days should they be needed, travel time should not be scheduled during those days since they may be taken away in the event of an emergency.