

Calculation of School Holidays and School Days in General

The following information is provided to schools **for reference** when drawing up the school calendar:

1. Counting of the 90 days of school holidays in general

(a) The following days should be **counted** as within the 90 days of school holidays:

- ✓ Public holidays (except Sundays)
- ✓ Any days assigned by the school as school holidays
- ✓ The Sundays and Saturdays in between and the Saturday directly after a school holiday lasting for a week or longer (e.g. Christmas, Lunar New Year, Easter, Summer Vacation and others combining various public holidays) (Please see the example of school calendar)

(b) The following days are **NOT counted** as within the 90 days of school holidays:

- ✗ The Saturday and Sunday before and the Sunday after a school holiday lasting for a week or longer (e.g. Christmas, Lunar New Year, Easter, Summer Vacation and others combining various public holidays) (Please see the example of school calendar)

2. Counting of school days in a school year in general

Total number of days in a school year	365 or 366
Number of school holidays***	90
Maximum number of ** additional discretionary holidays	3
Maximum number of ** staff development days during which students do not need to attend school	3
Number of Saturdays and Sundays not included in the school holiday list (Applicable to whole-day schools, may vary slightly depending on long holiday arrangements. Please refer to paragraph 1 above.)	79 or 80
* Minimum Number of school days = (365 – 90 – 3 – 3 – 79) or (366 – 90 – 3 – 3 – 80) school days	190

* For whole day schools, the total number of school days in a school year should not be less than 190 days in general. For bi-sessional primary schools, there are at least **19 school days on alternate Saturdays** (i.e. 79 days ÷ 2 ÷ 2) which are not included in the school holiday list. Therefore, the number of school days should not be less than **209** (that is, 190 + 19) **school days**.

** Schools may reduce the number of additional discretionary holidays and schedule some of the school-based staff development days for Saturdays.

*** From the 2020/21 school year, the day after major public election is designated as a school holiday, i.e. there will be 91 school holidays in the election year of a Legislative Council general election and a District Council ordinary election. For more details, please refer to EDB Circular No. 5/2020 “Designating the Day after Election as a School Holiday”. As for the exact date of major public election, please refer to the related government press release.