

OCTOBER Newsletter 2026-2027



*P*incipal's Message

Greetings Parents and Guardians,



We have completed our first month of school at ÉLJHS and it was a great start to the year! All of our students are now settled into their classes and many school activities are up and running. We had our golf team competing, cross country running, volleyball, theme days, the Conroy Classic Rez Run, and a number of clubs are gearing up for the winter season.

As we continue into the school year, I would like to emphasize how important it is for our students to keep pace with the work in their classrooms. As parents/guardians, you can help monitor your child's progress by checking on assignments in Powerschool and Google Classroom and this will help to ensure that your child does not fall behind on their school work.

I hope you all have a fantastic October and have a happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Chomlak

OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 1:

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

OCTOBER 2:

CUSTODIAN'S DAY

OCTOBER 5:

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

OCTOBER 7:

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCE
BOOKING OPENS @ 9:00 AM

OCTOBER 9:

SPIRIT DAY- WHITE LIES T-SHIRTS

OCTOBER 12:

THANKSGIVING DAY- NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 13:

PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 14:

PARENTS' ASSOC/SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
@ 6:45 PM

OCTOBER 16-17:

ÉLJHS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 21:

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 31:

HALLOWEEN



OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Principal	Vice-Principal	Vice Principal
Zane Chomlak	Jordan Baulkham	Sheri May

OUR FRONT OFFICE

Senior Admin Assistant	Admin Assistant	Finance Admin Assistant
Shoana Theriault	JoAnne Langford	Patricia (Patty) Burak



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to PowerSchool Parent Portal please contact the office at (780) 986-2184. The Parent Portal allows you to view your students' attendance, grades, pay fees online, among other features. If you have an existing account, you can add additional students to the same account. **If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or have any changes to personal information, please contact the office at (780) 986-2184.** It is important that we have your most current information on file.

If your student will be absent from school, please notify the office so we can enter the attendance accordingly. If it is after hours, please leave the message on the school answering machine.

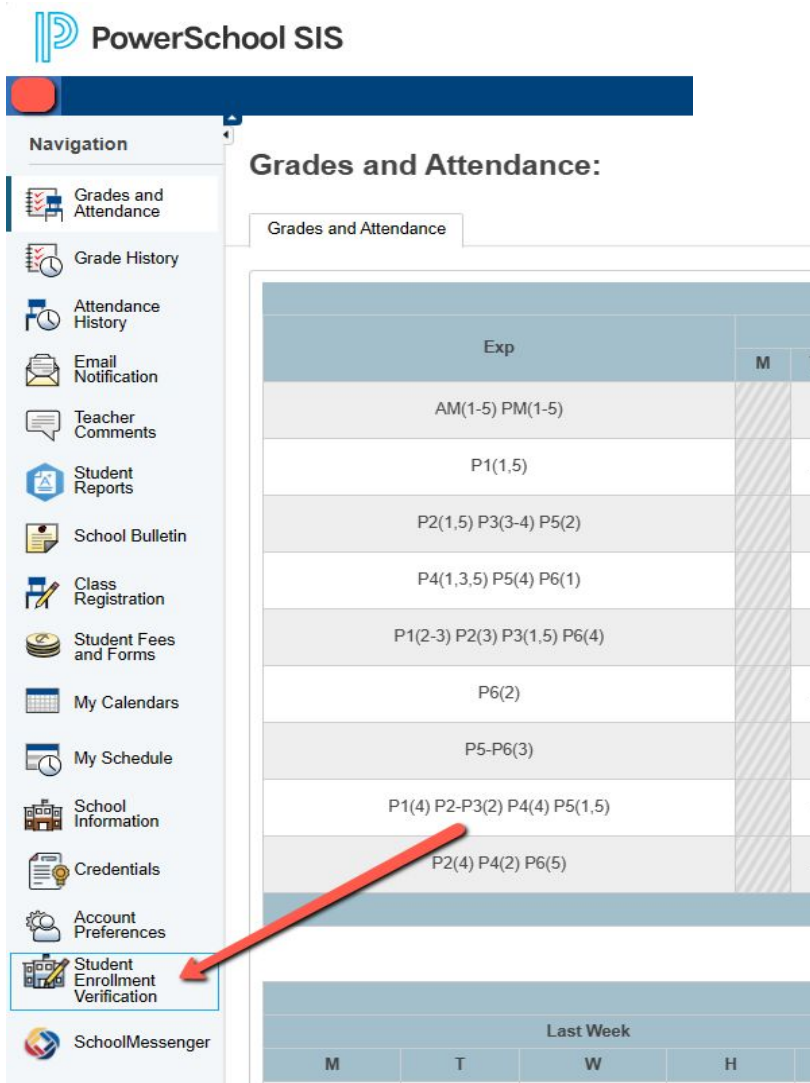
STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS 2026/2027

The 2026-2027 Student Enrollment Verification Form for Black Gold School Division is available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Please complete this process before **November 27th**. Completing this form ensures we have accurate information for emergency communication. If you do not complete this form, your child's ability to leave school grounds for walking field trips, participate in class/team photos, or be recognized in other school materials may be compromised.

To confirm your child's registration with Black Gold School Division, you must have an active PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.

Important: If you do not already have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please contact your school office for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation!



PowerSchool SIS

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Grades and Attendance:

Grades and Attendance

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P2(4) P4(2) P6(5)		

Last Week

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REMINDER:

If you need to pick up your child during school hours:

- StudentMessenger App 
- Call: (780)-986-2184
- Email: eljhs@blackgold.ca

Please notify us of any absences before the beginning of the school day.



Thank you for your cooperation!



JOIN A CLUB OR TEAM!

~ STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

★ VOLLEYBALL

★ GOLF

★ CROSS COUNTRY

★ BASKETBALL

★ TRACK & FIELD

★ HOMEWORK CLUB

★ RUGBY

★ FLAG FOOTBALL

★ SOCCER

★ BADMINTON

★ CITADEL CLUB

★ SKI/SNOWBOARD

★ YEARBOOK

★ GSA

★ MUSIC CLUBS

PLAN AHEAD FOR EARLY DEPARTURES



If you need to pick up your child during the school day, please let your child know the pick-up time in advance and ask them to remind their teacher when they arrive in class.

The school office is very busy throughout the day. While we do our best to notify teachers and call students when needed, we ask families not to rely solely on the office as a reminder.

Teachers have been asked to allow students to come to the office at their scheduled pick-up time. Please remind your child to keep track of the time and follow up with their teacher when it is time to leave.

Thank you for helping us keep early departures organized and ensure students are ready when their parent or guardian arrives.

APPOINTMENTS • EXTRA CURRICULAR • VACATION • ILLNESS



SCHOOL FEES

School fees have now been added to student accounts. We kindly ask families to check their child's PowerSchool Parent Portal for any outstanding fees and arrange payment as soon as possible.

If your family requires financial assistance or have questions regarding fees, please contact:

Patty Burak in the school office at:
(780) 986-2184



ÉLJHS Celebration Of Success Awards Night



On September 24th we celebrated
the students of
École Leduc Junior High School
from the **2025-2026** school year
on academic achievements,
leadership, sports, music,
and more.

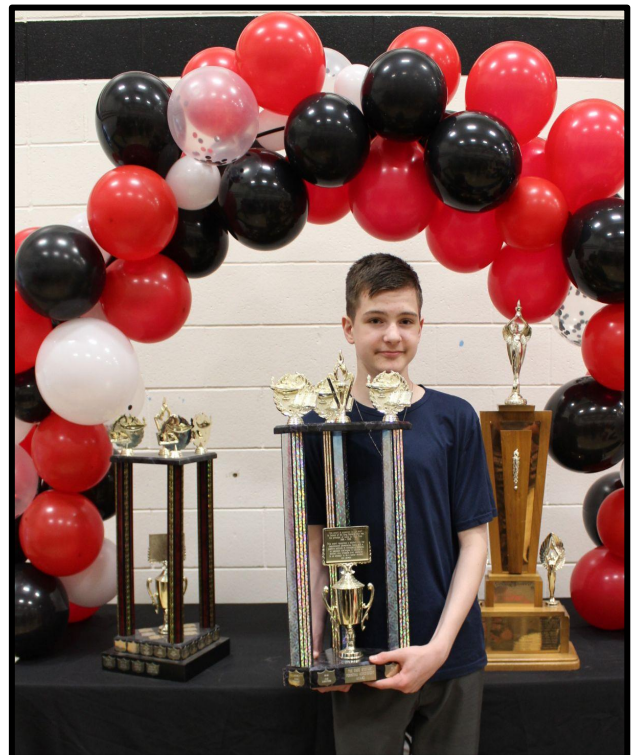
Invitations were provided to
students
who were recognized and we
are so proud of all our
students' success.



Student of the Year: **Penelope Lu**



Student of the Year Runner-Up: **Jack Sereda**



Greg Stewart Award: **Judah Stroud**

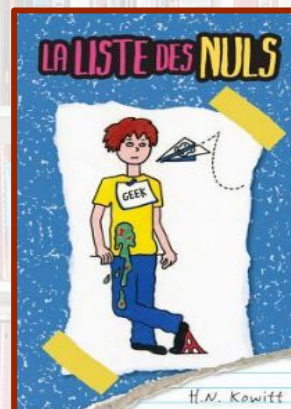
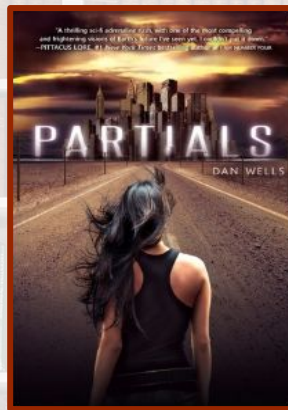
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:



In October, students will create a bookmark based on a book they had read or create one with a reading quote. We invite all students from all grades to participate. The winner will receive an Indigo gift card, their bookmark laminated and mass-produced, to have it in the library for others to use for their books.



Mrs. Kern's Book Recommendations:



ÉLJHS EVENTS:



ÉLJHS Reservoir Run

Pizza Party Winners:

- ★ 7B - Tutti Frutti
- ★ 8A - Unicorns
- ★ 9D - White Lies

September 17th

CLASS THEME WINNERS!



2026 ÉLJHS Reservoir/Terry Fox Run and BBO

This was our first event of the year. It was a great way for students to get to know each other and have some fun.

Students were encouraged to dress up or create a class theme. The winning theme per grade received a

PIZZA PARTY!!!

Thank you to all of our staff, students, and volunteers for making this event one of our favourites!

ÉLJHS

HOT LUNCH

Upcoming Dates

OCTOBER 9

Nitza's



OCTOBER 15



OCTOBER 23

SUBWAY



OCTOBER 30



More Hot Lunch dates will be added throughout the school year!

Healthy
Meals
Happy
Students! ♥

Our ÉLJHS Parents' Association
is proud to run the Hot Lunch Program
through Healthy Hunger.

To view menus and place your orders, visit:

https://healthyhunger.ca/school_home.php?success



Thank you
for your support!



STUDENTS, *Pack it Up!*

LET'S SET OURSELVES UP FOR A GREAT DAY!

Please remember to pack a **lunch and snacks** for school each day to help keep you focused, energized, and ready to learn.

We are handing out a lot of snacks each day, so your support in sending food from home makes a big difference.



If your child requires **snacks or a lunch** for any reason, they are welcome to come to the office for one.



Thank You!

We are grateful for the generous donations from the **Leduc Food Bank**.

A little prep today makes for a great day tomorrow! ♥





FALL Bucket List



Hello Fall!

☐ Have a Bonfire and Make S'mores		☐ Take a Scenic Drive to See the Fall Colors	
☐ Play in the Leaves		☐ Have a Scary Movie Night	
☐ Cozy Up with a Book & Hot Chocolate		☐ Go on a Hayride	
☐ Pick a Halloween Costume		☐ Get Spooked at a Haunted House	
☐ Try a New Fall Recipe		☐ Make a Fall Craft	
☐ Go to a Pumpkin Patch		☐ Drink Apple Cider	
☐ Pick Apples		☐ Make a Bird Feeder	
		☐ Visit a Corn Maze	
		☐ Watch a School Sports Team	



*Make memories.
Embrace the season.
Enjoy every moment!*



THIRD ANNUAL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
10 AM - 3 PM
AT LEDUC ALLIANCE CHURCH

BBQ sponsored by Kal Tire (11 am – 1 pm)
Community Activities
Performance from Connectivity Dance

Now accepting clothing and hanger donations!
Drop off at 5503 Black Gold Drive





Board Highlights

September 2, 2026

2026-2027 Off-Campus Education Program

The Board of Trustees approved the involvement of Black Gold School Division in the Off-Campus Education Program (Work Study, Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program, Green Certificate, Knowledge and Employability Workplace Readiness and Workplace Practicum) for the 2026-27 school year.

More information about the Off-Campus Education Program as well as other programming offered by Black Gold School Division can be found on our website www.blackgold.ca – Schools – School Programs .

Bill 25 Update

Superintendent Borgfjord and Associate Superintendent Dargis provided an update on the preparations the Division has made to address the changes required by Bill 25 – An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms.

Double Routing Transportation Processes

Associate Superintendent Volkman provided information on the double routing transportation process the Division uses in urban communities to maximize available transportation resources.

More information about Transportation in Black Gold School Division can be found on our website www.blackgold.ca – Transportation.

Complexity Teams and Class Size Reduction Update

Associate Superintendent Cable provided an update on the implementation and impact of the Complexity Teams and the Class Size Reduction funding across Division schools.

Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA)

The Board of Trustees congratulated Trustee Klaassen on her appointment to the Board of Directors for CSBA.



Photo from the CSBA website

Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA)

The Board of Trustees congratulated Superintendent Borgfjord for receiving the CASSA Distinguished Service Award.



Black Gold Preschool and Junior Kindergarten Programming

Black Gold School Division is accepting requests for free development screenings for our Early Intervention Preschool / Pre-K, and our Junior Kindergarten program that serves children learning English as an additional language.

Visit our website www.blackgold.ca/pre-kindergarten for more information

Help plan your child's future with



myBlueprint

What is the myBlueprint Education Planner?

myBlueprint Education Planner is a student- friendly, interactive education and career/life planning tool that Black Gold junior high and high school students use to make the most informed decisions about their future.

myBlueprint allows students to visually plan towards graduation requirements while instantly discovering their eligibility for every post-secondary pathway in Canada, or compare information on apprenticeships, programs, and occupations to ensure they make better decisions and are more prepared for their futures after high school.

Students also learn the basics of financial literacy and money management, and discover what employers are looking for with job search tools tied directly to the student's occupations of interest.

As a parent/guardian, can I access myBlueprint Education Planner?

Yes! To explore the features of **myBlueprint**, you can create a Family Account and link to your child's account (requires student permission).

With direct access from home, you can get more informed and involved with your child's education, and support your child in making the most informed decisions about their future.

Why would I want access to myBlueprint Education Planner?

The family account allows you to view student artifacts and reflections, including the goals they are setting, careers they are interested in, and what they are learning in school.

You can log in to your account to comment on your child's work or receive messages from their teacher(s). Keep in mind that the Family Account has read-only access for linked student accounts – it does not allow you to complete activities or post to portfolios within the student's account.

To get started, please scan the QR code below:



How to use a QR code:

1. Open the camera on your phone
2. Point it at the code
3. Tap the link that appears

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION





What's Up with Teens 2.0

Date: Nov. 21, 2026 **Time:** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Family Resource Network (5102 50 Ave)

Oh, the teen years... The mood swings, the eye rolls, the sudden tears — and that's just us as parents!

Join us for a one-day, in-person workshop designed to support you through the exciting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming stage of parenting teens. Grounded in the insights from Psychology Canada's Straight Talk About Teens, this session will help you better understand and connect with the growing adolescent in your life.

What we'll explore together:

- The teen brain – why they think and feel the way they do
- What really matters to teens
- How to keep a positive, connected relationship
- Effective ways to communicate (even during tough moments)
- Managing risky behaviors
- Fair and respectful discipline that works

Whether you're already parenting or caring for a teen or preparing for the years ahead, you'll leave with practical tools, new perspectives, and maybe even a sense of relief—you're not in this alone.

BONUS: Lunch is included!



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Play, Learn, Grow

Come and play with us!

In partnership with the Leduc Public Library

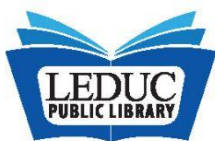
- ✓ Meet other caregivers and children
- ✓ Take away some parenting tips and child development info
- ✓ Learn about the importance of play and early literacy
- ✓ Play and have fun!

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sept. 17 • Oct. 5 • Oct. 22 • Nov. 2

Leduc Public Library (2 Alexandra Park)

* Drop in program, No registration required





Emotion Coaching

hosted by the City of Leduc Family Resource Network

Did you know that helping a child understand, express and manage their emotions is one of the most impactful things you can do for their future success in all areas of life?

Join us online for this two-session workshop, where parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old, will explore the Gottman Institute's five step method for building children's emotional intelligence.

Date: Part 1: Oct. 21 & Part 2: Oct. 28, 2026

Time: 12 – 1 p.m. **Format:** Online Parent Workshop



Register using QR code

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*Real Protection
for Real Life*

VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Optional coverage available for families

Black Gold School Division's insurance partner, StudyInsured, offers Voluntary Student Accident Insurance that parents or guardians may choose to purchase for their children.

CHOOSE THE PLAN THAT FITS YOUR FAMILY

LITE

\$17/year

PLUS

\$25/year

PREMIUM

\$33/year

24-hour, year-round coverage is available. Family pricing is available when insuring 3 or more siblings at the same school board.

Depending on the plan selected, coverage may include:

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| ✓ Accidental dental | ✓ Fracture / dislocation benefits |
| ✓ Damage to eyeglasses & contact lenses | ✓ Hospital room expenses |
| ✓ Paramedical expenses | ✓ Tutoring benefits |
| ✓ Emergency transportation / ambulance | ✓ Additional benefits depending on the plan |
| ✓ Medical appliances & expenses | |



PLEASE NOTE

This coverage is completely voluntary and is purchased directly by parents/guardians. It is separate from the Blanket Student Accident Insurance plan held by Black Gold School Division.



LEARN MORE & COMPARE PLANS

studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans/

*Students
Today. Brighter
Tomorrows.*



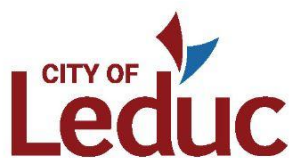
Signature Events Survey

We want your feedback

The City's signature events play an important role in bringing people together, building community pride, and making the most of our shared spaces. So, it's important they are relevant, inclusive, and enjoyable for everyone. We're looking for community feedback to make sure our events continue to reflect what matters most to residents. Your input will be used to help determine future event programming.



The survey will be open through the rest of 2026.



Social Media Series



WHERE: Leduc Public Library

WHO: Grades 7-9

PRICE: Free!

Join Master's-Level Intern Therapist Eva Coulter for October's FREE Social Media group. Register for any of the 4 dates individually or for the entire series!

October 1, 2026 - 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Why Can't I Stop Scrolling: Social Media and The Brain

Reflecting on using mindfulness when consuming social media and how different apps can meet different needs.

October 8, 2026 - 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Making the Most of Instagram, TikTok & Reddit: Accounts That Inspire

Weeding out the negative and focusing on accounts and users that inspire, motivate, connect, and uplift.

October 15, 2026 - 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Beyond Common Sense: AI, Social Media & Cyber Safety

How to spot a catfish/bot/predator, and engaging in mutually uplifting interactions online.

October 22, 2026 - 4:30PM to 5:30PM

10 Apps to Level Up Your Mental Health

10 free apps to support teens with ADHD, depression, anxiety, or self-harm. Sharing our favourite apps and why we like them / reflecting on apps that need boundaries.



Scan the QR code to register or visit:
familycounsellingcentres.com



780.612.8577 ext 11



intakes@familycounsellingcentres.com

Family
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2026-2027 DIVISION SCHOOL YEAR:

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR												
Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details			
AUGUST 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	5	3	August 25 - 26 - Teacher Workdays (No Students) August 27- School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students		
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SEPTEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	September 7 - Labour Day (Schools Closed) September 18 - PD Day: (No Students); September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)		
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OCTOBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	October 12 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed) October 13 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam		
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NOVEMBER 2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	November 1 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward) November 9 -13 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed) November 11 - Remembrance Day (Schools Closed) November 16 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam		
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Semester 1: Aug. 27, 2026 - Jan. 29, 2027							96	89	Semester 2 - Commences February 1, 2027			
FEBRUARY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	17	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences February 4 & 5 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students) February 15 - Family Day (Schools Closed)		
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MARCH 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	March 14 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward) March 15 - PD Day (No Students) March 26 - Good Friday (Schools Closed) March 29 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed) March 29 - 31- Spring Break (Schools Closed)		
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APRIL 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	April 1 - 2 Spring Break (Schools Closed) April 5 - School Resumes April 23 - PD Day (No Students) Diploma Exam		
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MAY 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	19	May 21 - PD Day (No Students) May 24 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed) Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)		
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JUNE 2027	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	19	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day June25- Last School Day with Diploma Exam June 28 & 29- Teacher Workday (No Students) Diploma Exam & PAT Administrative Window Diploma Exam		
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Semester 2: February 1 - June 25, 2027							99	92				
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							195	181	Sept-Dec/26: 78 -T & 72 -S; Jan-June/27: 117 -T & 109 -S			

Approved February 21, 2024