

Key Considerations

The following guiding principles were developed collaboratively by a stakeholder group that included parents, teachers, building and Ed. Center leaders and classified staff.

- Provide a calendar that is the same for all schools – elementary, middle, K-8 and high school.
- Limit the number of partial school weeks (fewer than five days).
- Coordinate the BVSD calendar with the University of Colorado-Boulder and St. Vrain Valley School District.
- End first semester prior to winter break.
- End the school year prior to Memorial Day.
- Begin the school year as late in August as possible or after Labor Day.
- Avoid scheduling breaks that would interfere with student participation in key assessments such as Access (for English Language Development), Colorado Measures for Academic Success (CMAS), Colorado SAT (CO-SAT), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB).

