



# Florham Park Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

### RE: 2020/21 Calendar

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find attached the Board of Education approved 2020/21 calendar. A draft version of this calendar was reviewed at the past two public Board of Education meetings, as well as discussed with multiple stakeholders. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance, input and understanding.

While creating this coming year's calendar, the district needed to take into account the approved referendum and the [13 capital projects](#) scheduled for the summer of 2020, assuring that enough time has been dedicated for the projects' completion. As you will view, the start date for the students is scheduled for Monday, September 14th, in order to provide as much time to work on the 13 capital projects over the summer as possible to ensure a smooth transition for the students and staff. This was the recommendation of the district's architects/engineers since the 2020 summer projects are predominantly critical infrastructure projects (HVAC, boilers, roofs, etc.). The start date of September 14th also includes a reasonable "buffer time" suggested by the architects/engineers should anything unexpected occur during the work being completed.

Over the past 10 years, the Florham Park Schools has had the 1st day of school for the students take place after Labor Day, usually falling on the Thursday following Labor Day. Therefore, though it appears that the 2020/21 school year is starting much later, in fact, it is starting 2 school days later than traditionally scheduled. Please also note that the last day of school takes place on June 25th, but this includes 5 emergency days (similar to this year's calendar); therefore, unused emergency closing days (5 total) will be deducted from the calendar beginning with Friday, June 25th with graduation occurring on the last day of school.

While developing the calendar, the district had specific criteria we wanted to accomplish:

1. Schedule the start of the school year later in September to allow as much time as possible for the summer capital projects to be completed – Recommended by architects/engineers (*Accomplished*) ✓
2. Schedule the last day of school as early as possible and/or close to this year's end date of June 25th to allow summer [2021 capital projects](#) to start immediately following the last day of school (*Accomplished*) ✓
3. Try not to eliminate the entire April spring break (*Accomplished*) ✓
4. Review/discuss with Administrative Team, BOE Members, BOE Public Meeting, BOE Personnel/Policy Members, FPEA President, PTA Executive Council, Hanover Park Regional (*Accomplished*) ✓

Having worked in education for approximately 18 years, I understand that no calendar is perfect due to individual wants/needs, but considering the circumstances of the capital projects, when specific holidays occur, and other days that contractually must be set aside, this calendar has been created with all factors in mind. In prior years, the calendar has been approved and made public following the February BOE meeting, but due to the capital

projects taking place and families' needs to plan accordingly, the calendar has been approved and provided to you one month in advance.

Please also note that, at this time, it is not anticipated that the start of the school year for the 2021/22 calendar will be impacted and pushed back since the critical infrastructure capital projects would have already been completed this summer.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

*Steven Caponegro*

Dr. Steven Caponegro  
Superintendent of Schools

Attc: 2020/21 Calendar

# FLORHAM PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

July 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Date	Event or Holiday
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**September (12)**

10-11 Teacher In-Service (Schools Closed)

14 Schools open for students

28 Yom Kippur (Schools Closed)

**October (21)**

9 Half day - early dismissal (Teacher In-Service)

12 Columbus Day (Schools Closed) Teacher In-Service

**November (16)**

3 Presidential Election (Schools Closed) Teacher In-Service

5-6 NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)

9-11 Half day - early dismissal (Conferences)

25 Half day - early dismissal

26-27 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)

**December (17)**

23 Half day - early dismissal

24-31 Winter Recess (Schools closed)

**January (19)**

1 New Years Day (Schools Closed)

4 Schools Reopen

15 Half day - early dismissal (Teacher In-Service)

18 Martin Luther King Day (Schools Closed)

**February (19)**

12 Half-day early dismissal

15 President's Day (Schools Closed)

**March (23)**

19 Half day - early dismissal (Teacher In-Service)

**April (19)**

1 Half-day early dismissal

2-6 Spring Recess (Schools Closed)

**May (20)**

31 Memorial Day (Schools Closed)

**June (19)**

25 Last Day of School/Graduation - early dismissal

October 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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November 2020						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2020						
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27	28	29	30	31		

January 2021						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

February 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28						

March 2021						
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28	29	30	31			

April 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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June 2021						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

185 Days Students (includes 5 snow days) 4 Full Days Staff (In-service) 2-1/2 Days Staff (In-service) 189 Days for Staff (includes 5 snow days)

NOTE: Unused emergency closing days (5 total) will be deducted from the calendar beginning with Friday, June 25th through Monday, June 21st. This would then change the last day of school/graduation. If there is an extreme emergency day usage, the Board of Education reserves the right to redesign the calendar.

\*Please note that the 2020-21 calendar has been created to reflect the scheduled summer 2020 referendum capital projects. Therefore, as per the recommendation of the district's engineers/architects, the start of the 2020-21 school year has been scheduled for Sept. 14th, in order to provide an optimal time period to complete the summer projects to ensure a smooth transition to the new year for students and staff.