

2019-20 I-SS School Calendar

FAQs (External)

Why did I-SS decide to change the calendar?

As the state has continued to restrict calendar legislation, the district has had to conform their calendar to meet these guidelines. With a state-mandated calendar, there has been very little room to build a calendar that is in the best interest of student learning.

The Iredell-Statesville School Board requested that the calendar committee create a calendar so that students could take more classes at the community college, Early College students could cross over and take electives at the Traditional High School and high students finish exams in December. On the calendar that we currently use, students must come back after the winter holiday and finish the semester and take exams. Under the new calendar, students will complete the first semester as well as all semester exams before they go home for the winter holiday in December.

What is the benefit to starting so early in August?

The benefits of starting early include students being on the same calendar as the Early Colleges and Mitchell Community College. High School students will complete the Fall semester and take exams prior to the Christmas Break. This will also allow early graduates to be able to finish the first semester and enter college without a break.

Are there school enrichment and/or remediation camps during the days when students are not in school?

Yes, absolutely! During the Winter Break, the district will plan camp offerings during the week of January 6th-10th. We will also work closely with area organizations to make sure that child care is available in our community during this time. Our traditional camps (I-SS Enrichment Camps, Prime Time Summer Camp, and K-3 Reading Camp) will take place all summer long.

Are students still going to school for the same number of days as in years past?

Yes! Students who attend public school in NC are required to attend school for 185 days or 1,025 hours. While the calendar has changed, the number of days that your child is in school is the same.

Will we be considered a year-round district?

This calendar is considered an Innovative Calendar and follows a non-traditional year-round format.

How does this impact athletics?

With the current calendar, schools play 1-2 football games prior to school starting back and students being on campus. The 2019-20 calendar would allow for students to be on campus and school to be in session for all athletic events.

Does the Early College calendar match the I-SS calendar?

While the new Innovative I-SS calendar won't be identical to the Early College calendar, they will be much more aligned. Early College will release their calendar soon.