

Guiding Principles for Calendar Development

- Start school as soon after Labor Day as practical
- Conduct the PD days in the first 2 months of school - total PD Days - 3
- Observe the following holidays
 - ✓ **Federal Holidays Always Observed:** Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, President's Day, Memorial Day
 - ✓ **Religious:** Rosh Hashanah (1st day), Yom Kippur, Good Friday
 - ✓ **Federal Holidays Sometimes Observed:** Columbus Day / Veteran's Day / Martin Luther King Day
- Close for the two days of the NJEA Convention in November
- Schedule Spring Break to coincide with both Easter and Passover, if possible
- If an additional day is available, add to extend spring break
- GL Graduation - not on a Monday or Friday evening
- Build in at least 4 snow days