



2008 - 2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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This calendar contains references exclusively from the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Illinois state administrative agency regulations and federal law are not included. Parentheses () indicate the applicable Illinois statute. Unless otherwise indicated, statutory references are to *The School Code of Illinois*, (105 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.).

NOTE: Each school board shall annually prepare a calendar for the school term specifying the opening and closing dates and providing a minimum term of at least 185 days to insure 176 days of actual pupil attendance; provided that any of the four days allowed by law for teachers' institute, but not used as such, shall increase the minimum term (of 176 days of actual attendance) by such days not used. The calendar for the school term and any changes must be submitted to and approved by the regional superintendent before the calendar or changes may take effect (Section 10-19 of *The School Code*).

The **Truth in Taxation** Act requires boards of education to determine (not less than 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate tax levy) the amount of money to be raised by property taxes (35 ILCS 200/18-60). If the estimate of the aggregate tax levy exceeds 105 percent of the amount extended the previous year, a public hearing on the proposed tax levy must be held (35 ILCS 200/18-70). Notice of levy hearings must be published no more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. (35 ILCS 200/18 et seq.)

August 2008

- 1 – Last day to file with the regional superintendent a list of all unfilled teaching positions in the district. (10-20.27)
- 1 – Last day for high school boards to certify to the non-high school board the estimated amount of tuition charges for the succeeding school year. (12-22)
- 14 – Last day for school boards to forward a detailed statement of the moneys contributed to the Teachers' Retirement System, including any additional contributions due the System, to the secretary of the System. (40 ILCS 5/16-155)
- 15 – Final date for school board to transmit claims to the State Superintendent of Education for extraordinary special education services. (14-7.02)
- 15 – Last day for the school district to transmit claims for special education costs with the State Superintendent of Education. (14-12.01)
- 15 – Last day to submit certification of all student transportation claims for

reimbursement for the school year ending June 30 to the State Superintendent of Education. (29-5)

- 31 – Sunday - Last day for regional superintendent to file with the State Board of Education an affidavit showing which treasurers of school districts are properly bonded. (3-8 and 8-2)

September 2008

- 1 – Labor Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 2 – Last day for the board of education to adopt a resolution putting public policy questions on the ballot at the November 4, 2008 General Election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2)
- 5 – Last day for board secretary to certify public policy questions to the election authority for referendum at the November 4, 2008 General Election. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)
- 11 – September 11 Day of Remembrance; a commemorative school holiday. (24-2)

- 15 – Last day to submit annual report to the State Board of Education disclosing the number of teachers dismissed or removed as a result of the board's decision to decrease the number of teachers employed. (10-20.26)

- 26 – American Indian Day. (27-20)

- 30 – Rosh Hashanah.

- 30 – Last day on which regional superintendents and other persons paying money to school treasurer shall notify, in writing, the presidents of school trustees and clerks or secretaries of school boards the dates and amounts of money distributed to the school treasurer. (3-14.17)

- 30 – This is the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year in most Illinois school districts and the last day for the school board to adopt its balanced budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. (17-1) Within 30 days of its adoption, the annual budget must be filed with the county clerk and the Illinois State Board of Education. (17-1 and 35 ILCS 200/18-50)

October 2008

During October: During the month of October the quarterly meeting of regional board of school trustees must be held. (6-18)

- 1 – Recycling Day; commemorative holiday. (24-2)
- 1 – On the first school day of October the Secretary of the board shall report to the regional superintendent and Secretary of State a list of students who have left school during the previous attendance quarter. (26-3a)
- 5-7 – Illinois Principals Association Annual Fall Conference, Peoria.

- 6 – In Class II counties (Cook): (1) Quarterly meeting of township school trustees; (5-16) (2) township trustees make semi-annual apportionment and distribution of unused funds in permanent township fund; (5-17) (3) township treasurer reports and submits his books to school trustees; also, makes semi-annual examination of each school district's records. (8-14 and 8-17)
- 6 – Secretary or clerk of the school board submits official records of board actions to treasurer of school district. (10-7)
- 9 – Yom Kippur
- 9 – Leif Erickson Day. (27-19)
- 13 – Columbus Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 13-17 – National School Lunch Week.
- 15 – Last day for school district to present to the regional superintendent an original and one copy of the annual audit. (3-7)
- 15 – Last day for township school treasurer and school districts to file the annual report with the regional superintendent. (3-15.1)
- 15 – Last day for township land commissioners to file certified annual audit with regional superintendent and State Board of Education. (15-27)
- 20-24 – National School Bus Safety Week.
- 28 – First day that prospective candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures for the April 7, 2009 school board election. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- 31 – Last day for filing federal and state income tax withholding reports and paying taxes due for quarter ending September 30, 2008.

November 2008

- 1 – Saturday - Last day for school district to submit to the state superintendent reimbursement claim for summer school for handicapped children. (18-4.3)
- 2 – Standard Time returns; set clocks back one hour.
- 4 – General Election. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)
- 10 – Commemorative holiday honoring Korean War veterans. (24-2)
- 11 – Veterans' Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 15 – Saturday - Illinois School Board Members' Day.
- 15 – Saturday - Last day for regional superintendent to submit district annual financial reports and audits to the State Board of Education. (3-15.1 and 3-7)

School board members, superintendents, building principals, heads of departments, employees responsible for negotiating contracts amounting to \$1000 or more, hearing officers, supervisors with authority over 20 or more employees, and any employee in a position that requires an administrative or chief business official certificate are required by law to file a **statement of economic interests** each calendar year. The statement must be filed, in a form provided by law, with the county clerk no later than May 1 each year. (Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-101 et seq.) Anyone required to file the statement of economic interests may obtain a 30-day extension by filing with the county clerk a declaration of intent to defer the filing.

- 15 – Saturday - Last day for school district to file with the State Board of Education, a one-page report that lists the actual administrative expenditures for the prior year from the district's audited Annual Financial Report, and the projected administrative expenses for the current year from the adopted budget. (17-1.5)
- 16-22 – American Education Week.
- 21-23 – Joint Annual Conference of Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators and Illinois Association of School Business Officials; Hyatt Regency, Chicago.
- 27 – Thanksgiving Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 30 – Sunday - Last day for publishing annual fiscal statement of school district. (10-17) The report must be forwarded to the State Board of Education and copies must be available in the main administrative office of the district.

NOTE: The statement shall be prepared by the township school treasurer for those school districts in Cook County that are under the jurisdiction of township trustees/treasurers.

December 2008

- 3 – Illinois Statehood Day.
- 7 – Commemorative holiday honoring Pearl Harbor veterans. (24-2)
- 19 – Last day for the board of education to adopt a resolution putting public policy questions on the ballot at the February 24, 2009 Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2)
- 21 – Hanukkah.
- 24 – Last day for board secretary to certify public policy questions to the election authority for referendum at the February 24, 2009 Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)
- 25 – Christmas Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)

- 26 – Last day for the regional superintendent to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each school district under his or her supervision and a listing of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located. (3-1.1 and 6-5)
- 30 – The annual tax levy must be certified by the school board and filed with the county clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December. (17-11, 35 ILCS 200/18-15)

January 2009

During January: Each district superintendent shall report to the State Board of Education the number of high school students enrolled in accredited courses (including the name and number of the courses) at any community college. (10-21.4)

Also – During the month of January the quarterly meeting of regional board of school trustees must be held. (6-18)

Also – At the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year, the school board must give notice of its schedule of regular meetings, including dates, times and places. Notice must include publication on the school district's website. (5 ILCS 120/2.02)

- 1 – New Year's Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 2 – On the first school day of January the Secretary of the board shall report to the regional superintendent and Secretary of State a list of students who have left school during the previous attendance quarter. (26-3a)
- 5 – In Class II counties (Cook): (1) Quarterly meeting of township school trustees (5-16); (2) township trustees make semi-annual apportionment and distribution of unused funds in permanent township fund. (5-17)
- 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observance; a legal school holiday. (24-2)

Written notice to employees from the school board must be served 45 days before the end of the school term upon a first, second, third or fourth year probationary teacher who is not being reemployed for the following school term and 60 days before the end of the school term for any tenured teacher who is being honorably discharged because of a reduction in staff or discontinuation of a program. Any employee not properly notified is deemed re-employed for the following year. (24-11 and 24-12) NOTE: Often collective bargaining agreements, policies and/or evaluation plans have different notice requirements from that provided in the statute. The employer should be careful to meet all relevant notice requirements.

- 19 – First day to file nominating papers for candidates for the April 7, 2009 school board election if the office of the school is open on this day. This day is a legal school holiday in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday. (9-10 and 10 ILCS 5/10-6)
- 20 – First day to file nominating papers for candidates for the April 7, 2009 school board election in school districts where the office is closed on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday. (9-10, 10 ILCS 5/10-6 and 10 ILCS 5/1-6)
- 26 – Last day to file nominating papers for school board candidates for the April 7, 2009 election. Secretary's office must remain open until 5:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)
- 28 – Commemorative school holiday honoring Christa McAuliffe. (24-2)
- 31 – Last day for the school board to adopt a resolution putting public policy questions on the ballot for the April 7 election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2)
- 31 – Last day for filing federal and state income tax withholding reports and paying taxes due for quarter ending December 31, 2008.

February 2009

- 1 – Sunday - Last day for district superintendent to certify to the county clerk the names and addresses of school employees who are required to file the statement of economic interests. (Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

- 1 – Last day for evaluation of principals holding single-year contracts or a principal in the final year of a multi-year contract. (24A-15)
- 5 – Last day for board secretary to certify candidates to the election authority (county clerk or election commission in some locales) for the April 7 school board election. (10 ILCS 5/10-15)
- 5 – Last day for board secretary to certify public policy questions to the election authority for referendum at the April 7 election. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)
- 6 – Commemorative holiday honoring Ronald Reagan. (5 ILCS 490/2)
- 12 – Abraham Lincoln's birthday; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 15 – Commemorative holiday honoring Susan B. Anthony. (24-2)
- 19-21 – American Association of School Administrators' Conference, San Francisco.
- 24 – Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)

March 2009

- 2 – Casimir Pulaski birthday observance; a legal school holiday. (24-2)
- 4 – Mayors' Day; a commemorative holiday for Chicago Public Schools. (24-2)
- 8 – Daylight Savings Time begins; set clocks ahead one hour.
- 29 – Commemorative holiday honoring Viet Nam War veterans. (24-2)

April 2009

During April: During the month of April the quarterly meeting of regional board of school trustees must be held. (6-18)

- 1 – Last day for the school board to give its superintendent notice, in writing, if it intends not to renew his or her expiring employment contract, stating the specific reason therefore, unless the contract specifically provides otherwise. (10-21.4)
- 1 – On the first school day of April the Secretary of the board shall report to the regional superintendent and Secretary of State a list of students who have left school during the previous attendance quarter. (26-3a)
- 1-3 – Illinois Association of School Administrators Spring Conference, Springfield.

- 7 – Consolidated Election Day, includes election of school board members. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1 and 2A-1.1a)
- 4-7 – National School Boards Association Annual Conference, San Diego.
- 6 – Secretary or clerk of the school board submits official records of board actions to treasurer of school district. (10-7)
- 6 – In Class II counties (Cook): (1) Quarterly meeting of township school trustees (5-16); (2) township trustees make semi-annual apportionment and distribution of unused funds in permanent township fund (5-17); (3) township treasurer reports and submits his books to school trustees; also, makes semi-annual examination of each school district's records. (8-14 and 8-17)
- 9 – First Day of Passover.
- 10 – Good Friday.
- 12 – Easter Sunday.
- 12-18 – National Library Week.
- 24 – Commemorative holiday celebrating Arbor and Bird Day (27-18)
- 28 – Last day for election authority to canvass the election returns and report results of the April 7 election to the board secretary. The board secretary is then required to transmit election results to the school board. (10 ILCS 5/17-22, 18-14 and 22-17)
- 30 – Last day for filing federal and state income tax withholding reports and paying taxes due for quarter ending March 31, 2009.

May 2009

- 1 – Last day to file required Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105)

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The Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06) requires that each school board review minutes from all closed meetings semi-annually. At such meetings the board must determine the need for confidentiality for all or any part of those minutes or that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. Although discussion of closed meeting minutes may take place in a closed meeting, the board's actions must be taken in open session.

3-9 – Teacher Appreciation Week.

4-8 – Illinois Law Week. (27-20.1)

5 – Last day for school board to reorganize by seating new members elected on April 7, electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings. (10-5 and 10-16)

5 – National Teacher Day.

13-15 – Illinois Association of School Business Officials Spring Conference, St. Charles.

25 – Memorial Day observance; a legal school holiday. (24-2)

June 2009

14 – Flag Day.

30 – Last day on which township treasurer shall deliver to regional superintendent a statement showing the condition of township funds. (8-13)

30 – Last day for the school district to certify to the regional superintendent claim for tuition for children from orphanages and children's homes. (18-3)

30 – End of fiscal year for most school districts.

30 – Effective date of the annual school audit. (3-7)

Also – Last day for school districts to determine and post or keep available for public inspection the prevailing wage statement. (820 ILCS 130/9)

July 2009

During July: During the month of July, township land commissioners must have an audit of the funds under their jurisdiction. (15-27)

Also – During the month of July the quarterly meeting of regional board of school trustees must be held. (6-18)

Also – The first school day in July the Secretary of the school board shall report to the regional superintendent and secretary of state a list of students who have left school during the previous attendance quarter. (26-3a)

Also – At the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year, the school board must give notice of its schedule of regular meetings, including dates, times and places. Notice must include publication on the school district's website. (5 ILCS 120/2.02)

1 – First day of the fiscal year in most Illinois school districts. The board of education shall adopt an annual balanced budget within or before the first

quarter of the fiscal year. (17-1) Within 30 days of its adoption, the annual budget must be filed with the county clerk and the Illinois State Board of Education. (17-1 and 35 ILCS 200/18-50)

1 – Last day to file with the State Board of Education attendance figures for the school year that began in the preceding calendar year. (18-8.05 F)

4 – Independence Day; a legal school holiday. (24-2)

6 – In Class II counties (Cook): Quarterly meeting of township school trustees. (5-16)

7 – Secretary or clerk of the school board shall file annual statistical report with the treasurer. (10-8)

15 – Last day for school districts to file a certified copy of the prevailing wage statement with the office of the Secretary of State and the Illinois Department of Labor. (820 ILCS 130/9)

15 – Last day for submitting to regional superintendent a statement of condition of schools within each township during previous fiscal year. As a practical matter this requirement only applies to school districts in Cook County sharing a relationship with a township treasurer or trustee. (5-18)

30 – Last day for the regional superintendent to survey and inspect schools and notify each school board, in writing, whether or not schools in their district have been kept as required by law under terms of state life-safety standards. (3-14.21)

3 – Last day for the school district to certify to the State Superintendent of Education claim for tuition for children from orphanages and children's homes. (18-3)

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