

September 2006 - June 2007

Mendham Township School District

Note: Three emergency days are included on this calendar. IF MORE days are needed, they will be added as follows: June 22, then spring recess going backwards from April 13, 12, 11, etc.

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	T	T	△	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September	
5 & 6	Teacher Training
7	Students Begin
21	ES Back to School Night
28	MS Back to School Night

February	
19-23	Schools Closed Winter Break

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	X	X	X	X	X	24
25	26	27	28			

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	T	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				

October	
2	Teacher Training Students not in attendance
24, 25 & 26	MS Parent/Teacher Conf. Full Day for Students

March	
20 21 & 22	Elementary & Middle Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal for students

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				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

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	X	X	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	/	X	X	25
26	t/	28	29	30		

November	
6, 7 & 8	ES Parent/Teacher Conf. Full Day for students
9-10	Schools Closed-NJEA
22	1/2 Day-Early Dismissal
23-24	Closed Thanksgiving
27	AM Teacher Training Delayed Opening for Students

April	
5	PM Teacher Training Early Dismissal for Students
6, 9-13	Schools Closed April Break

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	X	7
8	X	X	X	X	X	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	/	23
24/31	X	X	X	X	X	30

December	
22	1/2 day-Early Dismissal
25-29	Schools Closed-Winter Break

May	
25	PM Teacher Training Early Dismissal for Students
28	Schools Closed-Memorial Day

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				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	/	27	X	29	30	31

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	X	t/	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			

January	
1	Schools Closed-New Year's Day
2	AM Teacher Training Delayed Opening for Students

June	
20	MS Graduation
21	Last Day of School Students-Early Dismissal

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					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

MS Graduation will be held on the evening before the last day of school.

T	Teacher Training Students NOT in attendance
t/	AM Teacher Training Delayed Opening for Students
/t	PM Teacher Training Early Dismissal for Students

/	Half Student Day
X	School Closed for staff & students
△	First/Last Student Day
○	Parents Back to School Night
□	Parent/Teacher Conferences

STUDENT CALENDAR
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Questions & Answers 2006-2007 District Calendar



Question: *Typically in the past, Parent/Teacher Conferences in the fall and the spring were held on the same three days. Why has this changed for the upcoming fall?*

Answer: Upon reviewing input from our elementary teachers, it was strongly suggested that in order to provide parents with the most useful information about the transition into and early progress shown in the new grade level, additional time is needed to observe the children and assess their growth. Unlike the Middle School, the Elementary School's Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are not linked to mid-marking period progress. Therefore, the district will pilot this change and collect feedback from parents and staff at the end of November.



Question: *My child has always been dismissed early on Parent/Teacher Conference days. On the 2006-2007 District Calendar, I see that he/she will be in attendance for full school days during the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, but will be dismissed early during the Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. I have three separate questions:*

- 1) Why keep my child in school for full days during Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences and not during Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences?
- 2) Will the typical Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule remain the same as it has in the past?
- 3) What will my child do in during these full days in the fall, if the teachers will be engaged in Parent/Teacher Conferences?

Answer: In an attempt to ensure high quality programming and instructional time for all students, the district has decided to pilot full school days for students during the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. So many parents have commented on the number of half days and asked the district to address what is commonly referred to as a "problem". Since this is a pilot (meaning it is the first time it is being attempted), the district wants to ensure that it is a successful venture and beneficial for all students. Running full days in the fall and half days in the spring will enable the district to analyze the pros and cons for the 2007-2008 school year.

Despite the change in your child's school day schedule during the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, the schedule (as designated in your Parent Handbook) and times for Parent/Teacher Conferences will remain the same as it always has.

While classroom teachers are preparing for and engaged in Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences, your child be involved in enrichment "type" learning experiences facilitated by the district's related arts teachers and support staff. During these three days, as outlined on the District Calendar, students will participate in activities and assembly programs in the performing arts and those related to physical fitness. In addition, the district's administrative team is exploring other learning opportunities in the content areas for the afternoon hours.



Question: *I noticed that the teachers will be engaged in full and half day training sessions again this coming school year. Typically, half day teacher training sessions resulted in early dismissals for my child. On the 2006-2007 District Calendar, I see that there are two half day training sessions that will occur in the morning, resulting not in an early dismissal, but rather a delayed opening for my child. Why has this changed?*

Answer: Historically, our staff members have participated in half day "afternoon" training sessions in which students are dismissed early. This coming school year, the district has decided to pilot two half day "morning" training sessions, similar to the High School's approach. After talking with the staff regarding the potential benefits and discussing at length the impact on our transportation department, the district believes it is worth exploring. Just as if it were a delayed opening due to weather related conditions, students would follow the same time schedule for these two staff training days. Please understand that the total number of staff training days has not increased.