

IDA Public Schools 2013-2014 School Calendar

180 Instructional Days



SEPTEMBER 2013

Mon., Sept. 2nd Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Tues., Sept 3rd First Day for Students

OCTOBER 2013

Thu., Oct. 31st **End of 1st Marking Period**

NOVEMBER 2013

Fri., Nov. 1st NO SCHOOL
Mon., Nov. 25 ½ Day E.S. P/T Conferences (1-4 and 6-8): M.S. Conf. (1-4)
Tues., Nov. 26 ½ Day E.S. P/T Conferences (1-4): M.S. and H.S. Conf. (1-4 and 6-8)
Wed., Nov. 27 ½ Day
Thur., Nov. 28th & Fri., Nov. 29th Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2013

Mon., Dec. 23rd Holiday Recess Begins

JANUARY 2014

Mon. Jan. 6th Classes Resume
Wed. Jan 15th **Exams Begin**
Thur., Jan. 16th **First Semester Exams - ½ Day**
Fri., Jan. 17th **First Semester Exams - ½ Day (86 Days of Instruction)**
Mon., Jan. 20th Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
Tues., Jan. 21st Second Semester Begins

FEBRUARY 2014

Mon., Feb. 17th President's Day - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 2014

Tues., Mar. 4th MME-ACT Test Date (Only K-8 in session/H.S.-only juniors report)
Fri., Mar. 21st **End of 3rd Marking Period**
Wed., Mar. 26th H.S. P/T Conf. (6-7:30)

APRIL 2014

Fri., Apr. 18 Good Friday, NO SCHOOL, Spring Break Begins
Fri., Apr. 18- Fri. Apr. 25 Spring Break
Mon., Apr. 28th Classes Resume

MAY 2014

Mon., May 26th Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

JUNE 2014

Mon., June 9th **Exams Begin**
Tues., June 10th **Second Semester Exams - ½ Day**
Wed., June 11th **Second Semester Exams - ½ Day (94 Days of Instruction)**
STUDENTS LAST DAY

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Recently, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan introduced a hybrid idea for consolidating schools: Superintendent Flanagan wants districts in a county to consolidate all non-instructional services with the local Intermediate School District (the ISD). This includes items such as transportation, food services, and administration. While consolidation of services can save money—for example, Ida Public Schools has already consolidated some administration with the Monroe ISD at a savings—not all consolidations will save money. In fact, when Ida participated in a study for transportation with the Monroe County ISD, the results showed that transportation costs would actually increase if the ISD took over Ida's bus routes.

Overall, forced combining of services will not necessarily save money. Moreover, almost no one is talking about the long-term effects, that is, how removing local control will ultimately affect the students and residents of the local community. There are those in Lansing who feel that we need to proceed cautiously, and that consolidation for the sake of consolidation should be avoided. I'll be watching this as it unfolds, if it unfolds. If you want to let me know what you think, I can be reached at ieavoice@gmail.com.

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