

Students will not be penalized for excused absences due to the change in the Winter Break dates for the 2011-2012 school year

Families that had already made plans during the old Winter Break dates (December 19, 2011 – January 2, 2012) which will cause their child(ren) to be absent during that time will not be penalized as his/her absence will be considered an excused absence. As found in the Student Code of Conduct, these absences will fall under one of these two categories:

- Pre-arranged absences with proper notification
- A short term family trip or vacation with prior notification of the absence being provided to the school administrator.

As stated in the District's Student Code of Conduct, "All students will be expected to make-up all work missed during the time he/she was absent from school with an excused/exempt absence. In general, a student has the same amount of time to do make-up work, as he/she was absent. It is the student's responsibility to take the initiative to arrange for make-up work, tests and assignments. Class time should not be used for make-up work."

Reminder: The new winter break days for 2011-2012 are December 23, 2011 – January 2, 2012.

Please see information below, as the Oakland County Common Calendar will also be making this change beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

Oakland County's Common Calendar is revised to shorten the winter break occurring between December and January starting in the 2012-2013 school year

Oakland Schools worked in cooperation with the Oakland County Superintendents Association (OCSA) and representatives of the county's public school academies to create a recommendation for the two required holiday breaks to be brought to the Oakland Schools Board of Education on January 15, 2008. In addition to the two legislated breaks, OCSA recommended that those districts with midwinter breaks should schedule them during the third week of February, regardless of their length (currently, these breaks run from two-five school days).

On June 1, 2011, the Oakland County Superintendents Association reviewed the Oakland County Common Calendar and voted to shorten the winter break occurring between December and January starting in the 2012/2013 school year. The revised calendars were approved by the Oakland Schools' Board of Education at the July 11, 2011 meeting, and are posted on the Oakland Schools' web site. This calendar is also posted on the District's web site at www.farmington.k12.mi.us.