

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEWINGTON, CT 06111**

Newington Town Hall  
**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**  
**(Virtual)**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Board of Education members and NPS staff members *who are using an npsct.org account in the Google Chrome browser* may join by going to [Google Meet](#) and entering the nickname: **boemeeting2020**

**OR**

If you are using a different account or browser, you will need a direct link. The link will be provided [in this document](#) 10 minutes prior to the meeting.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**A G E N D A**

A. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

B. Public Participation

**(In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)**

C. New Business

1. Discussion and Possible Action School Calendar 2020-2021
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Graduation Requirements
3. Discussion and Possible Action Reopen Plan
4. Other

D. Public Participation

**(In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)**

E. Remarks by Board Members

F. Adjournment

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DATE: July 15, 2020  
TO: Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett  
**SUBJECT: SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021**

I am bringing forward a request to amend the 2020-2021 School Calendar as following:

- Teachers would get **3.5 days** of PD (8/24, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27) vs. 2.5 days
- Students would start on **Friday, 8/28/20** which would be a **HALF day** to follow a PL schedule so that building/departments can debrief about the first day.
- **Half days for students** (PL schedule) would continue the following week to allow for continued conversations and adjustments at the building/department level (8/31, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3)
- **School closed/Offices** open for Friday, 9/4/20 for an extended Labor Day weekend
- Students return on Tuesday, 9/8/20 to a full day schedule.

**Recommended Motion:**

Move the Newington Board of Education amend the 2020-2021 school calendar as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.



# Newington Public Schools

## 2020-2021 School Calendar

Adopted: May 8, 2019  
 Amended: December 11, 2019  
 Amended: May 13, 2020  
 Amended: July 22, 2020



August/September 2020 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
PD	PD	PD	PD	FD
31	1	2	3	V
H	8	9	10	11
14	PL	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
H	PL	30		

October 2020 (21 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
H	PL	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	PL	28	29	30

November 2020 (18 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	PD	4	5	6
9	10	MS HS°	MS° HS	MS
16	PL	18	19	20
23	24	25	H	H
30				

December 2020 (17 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	ES	ES°	ES
7	PL	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	H	H
V	V	V	V	

January 2021 (19 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
				H
4	5	6	7	8
11	PL	13	14	15
H	19	20	21	22
25	PL	27	28	29

February 2021 (18 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	PL	10	11	12
H	V	17	18	19
22	PL	24	25	26

March 2021 (23 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	PL	10	11	12
15	16	ES MS HS°	ES° MS° HS	ES
22	PL	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April 2021 (16 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	H
5	PL	7	8	9
V	V	V	V	V
19	20	21	22	23
26	PL	28	29	30

May 2021 (20 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	PL	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
H				

June 2021 (7 Days)				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10*	11*
14*	15*	16*	17*	18*
21*	22*	23*	24*	25*
28*	29*	30*		
<b>TOTAL 180 DAYS</b>				

LEGEND	
	First Day of School (Half Day)
	School Conferences and Professional Learning (PL) (Afterschool Care provided ONLY on PL days)
	Schools & Offices Closed
	School Closed /Offices Open
	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
PD : 8/24/20, 8/25/20, 8/26/20, 8/27 (4 hr.), 11/3/20	

School Hours		
	Regular Hours	PL and Early Release
HS	7:34 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.	7:34 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
MS	8:05 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.	8:05 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
ES	8:40 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.	8:40 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.

### Early Release Days as Follows: (° = Evening Conferences)

- August 31 – September 3, 2020 – All Students
- November 11, 12° & 13, 2020 –Middle School Conferences
- November 11° & 12, 2020 –NHS School Conferences
- November 25, 2020 – Thanksgiving Break – All Students
- December 2, 3° & 4, 2020 - Elementary School Conferences
- March 17, 18° & 19, 2021 - Elementary School Conferences
- March 17 & 18°, 2021 - Middle School Conferences
- March 17° & 18, 2021 – NHS School Conferences
- May 28, 2021 – All Students
- June 9, 2021 –Tentative Last Day - All Students

- H = Holiday**
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|--------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Labor Day          | 09/07/20 | Christmas Day          | 12/25/20 |
| Yom Kippur         | 09/28/20 | New Year's Day         | 01/01/21 |
| Columbus Day       | 10/12/20 | Martin Luther King Day | 01/18/21 |
| Thanksgiving       | 11/26/20 | Presidents' Day        | 02/15/21 |
| Thanksgiving Break | 11/27/20 | Good Friday            | 04/02/21 |
| Christmas Eve      | 12/24/20 | Memorial Day           | 05/31/21 |

\*= Snow Makeup Days. V = Vacation Day  
 If additional days are needed, April vacation may be used or other available days as necessary.

DATE: July 14, 2020  
TO: Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent of Schools  
Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Kristen Freeman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
SUBJECT: Revision to Policy #6146: Graduation Requirements

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The Newington Public Schools Reopen Task Force is currently developing plans to welcome all students back to school in the fall. These plans include full in-person sessions with significant safety measures including physical distancing to any extent possible and online offerings should parents decide to not return their children to school. While we seek to engage students in the most rigorous and enriching learning experiences and offer all curricular courses, it is likely that some current elective courses will not be offered at Newington High School. Large class sizes must be reduced in order to maximize physical distancing in the classroom. Consequently, the number of sections of some required core classes will increase and fewer staff will be available for some elective classes.

In collaboration with Principal Terra Tigno and Director of School Counseling Seth Korn, I am proposing that the required credits for graduation for the Class of 2021 and 2022 be reduced from twenty-six (26) to twenty-one (21) to align with the current state statutes and mirror the requirements for all classes graduating in 2020 and earlier. Most students will continue to exceed this credit requirement based on interest and post-secondary plans. However, without the requirement of four (4) additional credits for our current junior and senior classes, students will have the option to reduce their class load thereby eliminating the need for some elective sections.

**Recommended Motion:**

Move the Board of Education approve that the required credits for graduation for the Class of 2021 and 2022 be reduced from twenty-six (26) to twenty-one (21) to align with the current state statutes and mirror the requirements for all classes graduating in 2020 and earlier.

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DATE: July 15, 2020  
TO: Members of the Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, Superintendent of Schools  
**SUBJECT: SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN**

I will provide the Board with an update on the reopening plan for schools.

MLB:skp