

LEAN Tech Academy 2016-2017 Balanced Calendar

June 27	Monday	Preliminary Building Inspection		
		PRE SCHOOL YEAR		
July				
6 - 7	Wed. – Thurs. Thursday	Staff Development (Staff induction, orientation and introduction to LEAN’s philosophy –“LEAN-er-rized”-- LEANerrized School Administrative Executive Board Meeting -- Final Building Inspection --- 3:30 PM		
8	Friday	“Specials” with faculty and staff (committee meetings, workshops, seminars, training)		
11	Monday	Board of Directors Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM		
13 – 14	Wed. – Thurs.	Staff Development Project Based Learning (PBL)		
15	Friday	“Specials” with faculty and staff (committee meetings, workshops, seminars, training)		
17	Sunday	Open House and Walk Through for Parents and Students – 3:00 PM		
18	Monday	Board of Directors General Meeting (Board closed session 6:00 PM) (Public open session 7:00 PM) Walkthrough building with Board directed by School Leader		
20	Wednesday	Staff Development (PLC’s)		
22	Friday	“Specials” with faculty and staff (committee meetings, workshops, seminars, training)		
27	Wednesday	Department Meetings		
27, 28, 29	Wed., Thurs., Fri	9 th and 10 th Grade Student Orientation – Full Day Schedules 9 th Grade Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 th Grade Thursday and Friday		
29	Thursday	“Specials” with faculty and staff (committee meetings, workshops, seminars, training)		
		REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR		
August			Teacher Days	Student Days
2	Tuesday	(Work in classrooms – Teacher Move in Day)		
3	Wednesday	In-service Day (faculty and staff meetings)		
4	Thursday	In-service Day (Staff Development)		
8	Monday	First Student Day - 9 th Grade		
10	Wednesday	Second Student Day – 9 th and first student day for 10 th Grade		
			22	18

September				
2	Friday	School closed (except for 12 month employees)		
5	Monday	Schools closed: Labor Day		
21	Wednesday	Open House – for parents – 6:30 PM		
			20	20
October				
10	Monday	Schools closed: Columbus Day		
12	Wednesday	End of 1 st Marking Period (45 days)		
13	Thursday	Schools closed for students: Professional Development		
14 – 31	Fri. – Mon.	School closed: Fall Vacation		
			8	7
November				
1	Tuesday	School reopens		
11	Friday	School closed: Veterans Day		
23	Wednesday	School closed for students: Professional Development/Parent Conference		
24-25	Thurs. – Fri.	School closed: Thanksgiving		
			19	18
December				
22-30	Thurs. – Fri.	School closed: Winter Vacation		
			15	15
January				
2 – 6	Mon – Fri	School closed: Winter Vacation		
9	Monday	School reopens		
16	Monday	Schools closed: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
26	Thursday	End of 2 nd Marking Period (45 days)		
			16	16
February				
17	Friday	School closed for students: Professional Development		
20	Monday	School closed: President's Day		
			19	18
March				
31	Friday	End of 3 rd Marking Period (45 days)		
			23	23
April				
3 - 18	Mon Tues	School closed: Spring Vacation		
19	Wednesday	School reopens		
			8	8
May				
29	Monday	School closed: Memorial Day		
			22	22
June				
16	Friday	Final full day for students (Final Exams Begin)		
19-21	Mon. – Wed.	Half days for students (Final Exams Continued)		
21	Wednesday	Last student day: End of 4 th Marking Period (45 days)		
22-23	Thurs. – Fri.	In-service Days: School Year Closeout		

26-27	Mon. – Tues.	Staff Retreat – Professional Development		
27	Tuesday	Final day for staff – check out		
28	Wednesday	School closed: Summer Vacation		
			19	15
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28	Wednesday	Summer School Credit Recovery Begins (15 days of instruction) (July 3, 4, 5 off)		
July				
16	Sunday	Open House and Walk Through for Parents and Students		
17- 18	Mon. – Tues.	9 th / Grade and New Student Orientation		
21	Friday	Summer School Credit Recovery Ends		
August				
8	Tuesday	In-service day		

Notes:

- Closing of school because of inclement weather or other emergencies normally shall be the decision of the Board President and CEO based upon the conditions that exist within the school district. When schools are closed as a result of the Governor declaring a state of emergency, those days normally will not have to be made up.
- The adopted 2016-2017 school calendar provides for more than the minimum number of hours (1,060) prescribed by state law. Consequently, if schools must be closed due to emergencies, the lost hours of instruction may not have to be made up unless the number of instructional hours falls below 1,060. If that situation occurs, the lost time will be made up in a way (or ways) deemed to be most appropriate by the Board President and CEO.

APPROVED BY THE Governing Board of Directors _____

Holidays, Vacations and other Special Days

Labor Day	Friday, September 3rd - Monday September 5 th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10 th
Fall Vacation	Monday, October 14th – 31st (12 days)
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday - Friday, November 24 th – 25 th
Winter Vacation	Thursday, December 22nd – Friday, January 6th (12 days)
Dr. Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16 th
President's Day	Monday, February 20 th
Spring Vacation	Monday, April 3rd – Tuesday, April 18th (12 days)
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29 th
Final Full Day for Grades 9 – 10	Friday, June 16 th (Final Exams)
Half Days for Grades 9 – 10	Monday, June 19 th – Wednesday 21 st (Final Exams)
Last Day for Students	Wednesday, June 21 st
Summer Vacation	Monday, June 21st – Monday, August 7th for students
(32 days)	
Last Day for Teachers	Tuesday, June 27 th

Summer School for credit recovery **Wednesday, June 28th – Friday, July 21st**
Summer Vacation for teachers **Wednesday, June 28th – Monday, August 7th**

Professional Development = PD Days / Parent Conference = PC Days

Thursday, October 13th -- PD

Wednesday, November 23rd – PD/PC

Friday, February 17th -- PD

Monthly Meeting Calendar:

Mondays:

2nd -- Executive Governing Board of Directors Meetings -- 7:00 PM

3rd -- Regular Governing Board of Directors Meetings – closed session at 6:00 PM/open session at 7:00 PM

Wednesdays: 3:10 PM – 4:15 PM

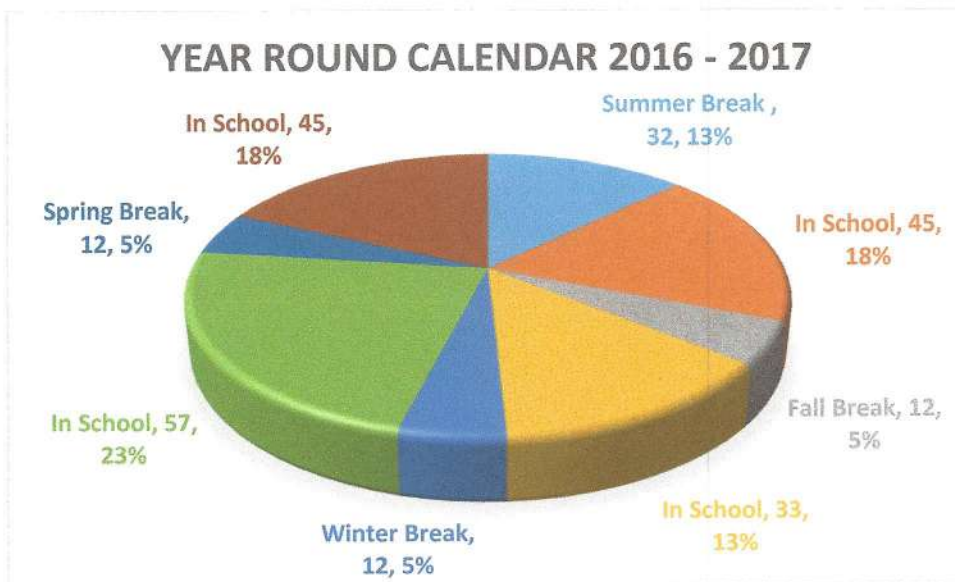
1st -- Faculty and Staff Meetings

2nd and 3rd -- PLC's and Student Success Team (SST)

4th -- Department Meetings

Thursdays:

1st – School Administrative Executive Board Meetings – 3:30 PM (CEO, School Leader, Lead Teacher, Project Leader, Financial Specialist)





MICHIGAN EDUCATION REPORT

Year-around schools give parents, students another option

Published on Sept. 6, 2006

As most districts across Michigan prepare for a state-mandated post-Labor Day start to the school year, some have already been in session for several weeks. Others are never really out of session.

Although not common, almost 500 year-round schools can be found in about three dozen states, including Michigan, at the elementary, middle and high school levels, according to the National Association for Year-Round Education.



One such school, Alexander Macomb Academy in Mt. Clemens, a conventional public school north of Detroit, has been in session since Aug. 14. The K-6 school conducts classes until the third week in June, giving students about six weeks off in the summer, compared to the more than two months students in most schools receive.

"Being off so long in the summer can lead to what is called 'learning loss' because the kids forget so much," Macomb Academy Principal Sharon Gryzenias said. "Even with the shorter time off here, we give the kids packets that are grade-appropriate with books, flash cards and a writing journal. Things to keep them thinking."

Gryzenias said the school also has a subscription to StudyIsland.com that students can access from home. The site provides games, tests and other activities in a variety of subjects, including math, science, history and foreign languages.

Aside from a longer school year, Macomb also has a longer school day. Students there attend for seven hours and 45 minutes, an hour more than other elementary schools in the district.

"Having a longer day means the teachers can get everything in that they need to," Gryzenias said. "They can really get deep into a topic."

Gryzenias said students get at least 90 minutes a day of English/language arts, plus 60 minutes of a specialized class, such as physical education, science lab or art.

The unique approach is working, Gryzenias said. With a 70 percent minority student population, including several who are low-income, the school has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress every year, and all teachers on staff are rated "Highly Qualified" under federal No Child Left Behind Act requirements.

"All of our third and sixth graders were above their state averages in every category of the MEAP," Gryzenias said. "I would highly recommend this for anyone. It's made an enormous difference for the students."

Gryzenias said the longer days, and more of them, can be a bit difficult for kindergarten students, who attend school for a full day.

"During the first semester, they think it's a pretty long day," she said. "They usually have a rest break in the afternoon, but in the second semester that gets phased out. There's just too much for them to do."

Because Macomb is in session 200 days a year, it is considered a year-round school under Michigan law, and thereby not subject to the post-Labor Day law. Other year-round schools are in session virtually year-round, with shorter breaks spread between sessions. At two elementary schools in Highland's Huron Valley, students attend four sessions of 45 days each, with 15 days off in between.

"The year-round students attend the same number of days, use the same curriculum, same text books, it's just split differently," Highland Elementary School Principal Bruce Bendure said.

Both Highland and Kurtz elementary schools have year-round and nine-month students within the same building.

"It can be tricky, but it's a popular choice among parents," Bendure told MER, referring to Huron Valley's participation in Michigan's school choice program. "We have neighborhood kids who come here and do either track, and we also have school choice by parents across the district."

Bendure said the students have recess and lunch at the same time, and all fifth graders go to yearly camp at the same time.

"It's not as delineated as you might think," he said. "We have it aligned so everyone has the same major holidays, in-service days and breaks."

For year-round students at Highland and Kurtz, a typical school year goes from late August to late October, mid November to mid February, early March to mid May and mid June to late July, with breaks in between.

"Very few teachers leave year-round once they get into it," Bendure said. "And once families get involved, they tend to stay through it."

Bendure said the year-round and nine-month programs are aligned such that a student should be able to transition from one to the other without much trouble.

"There is the issue of learning loss, but I think that can be overstated," Bendure said. "Some students need more remediation than others after any type of break, but I think parents who would make the choice of year-round tend to be involved anyway."

Bendure said that parental involvement often means keeping the kids busy with reading and other learning activities during the mini-breaks.

Whether it entails summer reading programs and on-line learning such as what is used by Macomb Academy, or filling in mini-breaks with unique educational opportunities, conventional public schools in this regard are following the example set by home-school parents for many years.

Bendure said Huron Valley's plan is to consolidate the two year-round programs into one school that operates solely on a year-round calendar. "We're trying to be cost effective," he said.

About 3,000 year-round schools operate nationwide, with half of them in California. There are 30 year-round schools in Michigan, according to the National Association for Year-Round Education.

"The west and southwest can't build schools fast enough," Bendure said. "When you have multi-tracks, you can get 33 percent higher capacity."

In year-round education, multi-track means more than one group of students using the same building at different times. A building designed to accommodate 750 students, NAYRE says, can hold 1,000 students with four tracks of 250 students each. The school still has 750 students at all times, with one group, or track, always on break on a rotating basis. A single-track is when just one group of students uses the year-round program. Variations of both kinds of tracks can include a 45-15, 60-20 or 90-30 split.

Opponents of year-round schools point to a lack of data that shows better academic performance, as well as the effects on family calendars, summer tourism and the lack of air conditioning in many older buildings.

"Some people are just really stuck on that summer vacation," Bendure said. "But other families love it. They can go somewhere in the fall and not battle the crowds in the spring."

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LEAN Tech Academy	Attachement 6	Section 1.3 Education Plan
2016 Year-round School Calendar		
July		
July 6 -- 7, 13 - 14, 20 -- Staff Development		
July 27, 28, 29-- 9th/10th Grade Orientation		
August		
August 2 - 4 -- Teacher In-Service		
August 8 -- First Student Day - 9th Grade		
August 9 -- First Student Day - 10th Grade		
September		
September 2 and 5 -- Labor Day Weekend		
October		
October 10 -- Columbus Day		
October 13 -- State Professional Development Day -- No School for Students		
October 14 - 31 -- Fall Vacation -- Schools Closed		

LEAN Tech Academy	Attachement 6	Section 1.3 Education Plan
2017 Year-round School Calendar		
January		
January 9 School Reopens		
January 16 -- Dr. Martin Luther King Day		
February		
February 17 -- School Closed for Students -- Professional Work Day		
February 20 -- President's Day		
March		
April		
April 3 - 18-- Spring Break		
April 19 School Reopens		
May		
May 29 -- Memorial Day		
June		
June 21 -- Last Student Day		

Bell Schedule

Regular Weekly Schedule - Whole Year

Period	Begins	Ends
Early Arrival -- Morning Nutrition Block	7:10	7:40
Regular Arrival	7:30	7:45
Wellness and Morning News Block	7:45	8:05
Advisory Center Block/Homeroom	8:09	8:24

A/B Block Schedule

Monday

A Day	Sample
Block 1A	English 9:58
Block 2A	Science 11:32
Block 3A	RTI/PE/Lunch 1:32
Block 4A	Math 3:06
Block 5A	Health or Student Athletic Training 3:55
	Dismissal to Extended Day
	Passing Time 4 minutes except before Block 3

Tuesday/Thursday

Block 1B	8:28	9:58	Social Studies
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Block	2B	10:02	11:32	World Language
Block	3B	LUNCH PERIOD BLOCK	11:32	1:32
Block	4B		1:36	3:06
Block	5B		3:10	3:55
Passing Time 4 minutes except before Block 3				
Wednesday				
A Day				
Block	1A	8:28		9:58
Block	2A	10:02		11:32
Block	3A	LUNCH PERIOD BLOCK	11:32	1:32
Block	4A	1:36		3:06
Passing Time 4 minutes except before Block 3				
Friday (Early Dismissal 12:06)				
Period				
Early Arrival --	Morning Nutrition Block	Begins	7:10	Ends
Regular Arrival			7:30	7:40
Wellness and Morning News Block			7:45	8:05
Advisory Center Block/Homeroom			8:09	8:54

Rotate Every 60 Minutes

"A" Group	"B" Group	"C" Group
Wellness 8:58 - 9:58	Elective 8:58 - 9:58 (Dr. Ed./The Arts)	Vocational Group Meetings 8:58 - 9:58
Vocational Group Meetings 10:02 - 11:02	Wellness 10:02 - 11:02	Elective 10:02 - 11:02 (Dr. Ed./The Arts)
Elective 11:06 - 12:06 (Dr. Ed./The Arts)	Vocational Youth Meetings 11:06 - 12:06	Wellness 11:06 - 12:06

Passing Time is 4 minutes

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

Extended

3:55

Late Bus

6:30

5:06

Wednesday

Dismissal
to
Extended
Day

No										
Extended Day on Wed.										
Late (Sports Bus only)					6:30					
<u>Friday</u>										
Extended Day					12:06				3:06	
Late Bus					6:30					