

III. Academic Program

Attachment 13(a)

Provide a copy of the proposed school's calendar for its first year of operation.

Specify:

- a. the total number of days of instruction for the school year;**
- b. the first and last day of classes; and**
- c. all planned holidays and other days off, as well as planned half days.**

Summer 2009 New Student Orientation

Monday August 31st through Thursday September 3rd

Monday-Wednesday:

Through a variety of activities, students will meet their peers and teachers and come to understand the academic and behavioral expectations of Brooklyn Prospect Charter School (BPCS) students. During this time, students will rotate through the school day schedule, have opportunities to reflect on the stated mission of the school, and contribute their voices to the collaborative establishment of a BPCS culture. Our goal is to encourage creative problem solving, intellectual risk taking and ambitious independent thinking that fosters reciprocal and compassionate interaction between members of the BPCS community. Topics will include:

- Academic expectations
- Discipline and conduct expectations
- Collaborative culture
- Advisory and secondary literacy
- School-wide teaching philosophy and International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Thursday:

Students will take the Terra Nova in 5 subjects. Parents will be invited to participate in workshops on school community and expectations. We will have a school wide assembly and celebration in the afternoon. During the first week of school, we will have an evening event for parents who could not attend during the school day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION: TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010

Month	Days of School	Holidays	Total Number of Instructional Days
September, 2009	Sept. 8-11 Sept. 14-18 Sept. 21-25 Sept. 29-30	Labor Day Yom Kippur	18
October, 2009	Oct. 1-2		21

	Oct. 5-9 Oct. 13-16 Oct. 19-23 Oct. 26-30	Columbus Day*	
November, 2009	Nov. 2-6 Nov. 9-10, 12-13 Nov. 16-20 Nov. 23-25 Nov 30	Veteran's Day* Thanksgiving Recess	18
December, 2009	Dec. 1-4 Dec. 7-11 Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21-23	Christmas Eve through the end of the month	16
January, 2010	Jan. 6-8 Jan. 11-15 Jan. 19-22 Jan. 25-29	New Years Day Martin Luther King	18
February, 2010	Feb. 1-5 Feb. 8-12 Feb. 22-26	*Winter Recess	15
March, 2010	Mar. 1-5 Mar. 8-12 Mar. 15-19 Mar. 22-26	None	20
April, 2010	Apr. 5-9 Apr. 12-16 Apr. 19-23 Apr. 26-30	Spring Recess	20
May, 2010	May 2-7 May 10-14 May 17-21 May 24-28	Memorial Day	20
June, 2010	June 1-4 June 7-11 June 14-18 June 21-25 June 28-29	None	21
Total Instructional Days 2009-10			187

* Potential Professional Development Days (3 Total for 2009-10)

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School's calendar is aligned with the New York City public school calendar, and we will offer approximately 187 instructional days.

As outlined in Attachment 20, in addition to regular professional development which happens as part of the weekly staff meetings and first Friday meeting, Brooklyn Prospect Charter School's teachers will also attend at least five days of professional development in the summer. New teachers will attend an IB training conference.

Summer Academy 2010 (6 weeks): Academic support and enrichment (See Attachment 24)

Tuesday, July 6th through Friday, August 13th

The Summer Academy will be mandatory for students who meet any of the following conditions: fail one or more classes, fail one or more state tests (level 1 or 2), miss more than 15 unexcused school days, or do not complete significant assignments in 2 or more classes. Students may submit a written appeal of mandatory Summer Academy to the Executive Director.

