



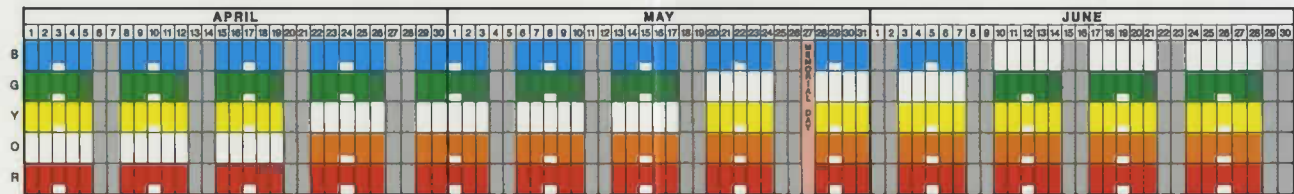
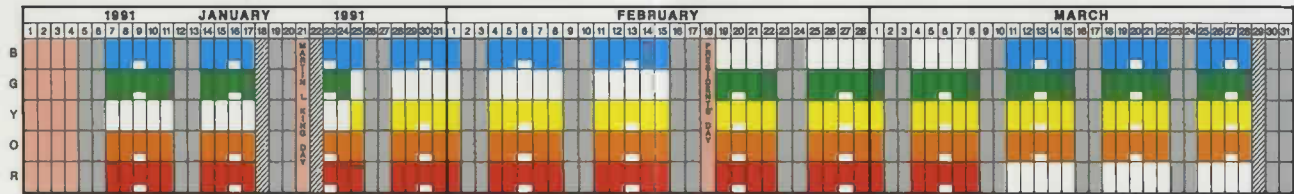
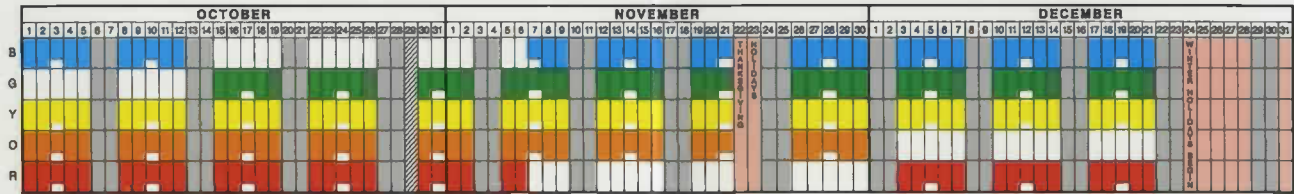
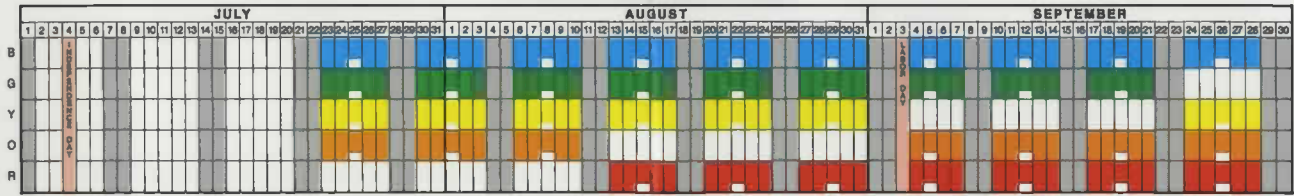
Holidays	
Sept. 3	Labor Day
Oct. 29	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter Holidays
Jan. 18	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Jan. 21	Marlin Luther King Day
Jan. 22	Staff Development Day/Student Holiday
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day
Mar. 29	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
May 27	Memorial Day

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YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION

# SAMPLE CALENDAR

Code	
	Weekends
	Holidays
	Teacher Workdays/Student Holidays
	Early Dismissal Day
	Track Vacation Day



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## What Is Year-Round Education?

Year-round education means that the traditional 10-month school calendar from August through June is offered throughout 12 months of the year. Year-round education does not add to student attendance days, but restructures the traditional year. In Orange County the 180 days of instruction are divided into three sessions. Each session lasts 12 weeks or 60 days and is followed by a vacation of approximately three weeks or 15 days. This cycle is repeated for each student three times throughout the school year.

## Why Is Orange County Implementing YRE?

In 1989 the Orange County School Board made the decision to operate a year-round education program in three elementary schools that would begin in 1990. The issue of fiscal responsibility governed the choice. Adequately housing and effectively educating a growing student population were the central concerns. The year-round schedule offers a positive alternative to overcrowded schools in areas experiencing rapid growth. Because one track is on vacation at any given time, building capacity is increased by 20 percent. This efficient building utilization saves facility construction costs.

On July 23, 1990, Orange County opened three schools on a year-round schedule. Aloma and Palm Lake elementaries began operating on a multi-track calendar, while Tangelo Park Elementary began operating on a single-track calendar. Other schools have implemented year-round education since that time.

## How Will YRE Work?

Orange County uses two basic types of year-round schedules:

**Single-Track** - All students are in one group. They are all in school or all on vacation at the same time.

**Multi-Track** - Students are divided into groups called "tracks." Each track has a different schedule for attending school. Multi-track calendars are used in overcrowded schools to provide more space (one track is always on vacation).

## What Is A "Track"?

A track is a group of students assigned to the same schedule at a year-round school.

## How Will Students Be Assigned To A Track?

Parents have the opportunity to express a preference for track assignment. These requests are accommodated to the degree possible. The principal reserves the right to make the final decision on track assignment. All children in the same family are assigned to the same track unless parents request different tracks.

## Will Students Have The Same Teacher And Room All Year?

Students will have the same teacher all year, but the room assignment for some students may change after some vacation periods.

## How Does YRE Affect The Academic Program?



The year-round schedule offers the opportunity for continuous learning. Studies indicate that students require less review when vacations are shorter than the traditional summer vacation. The times between sessions (intersessions) in the year-round schedule allow time for remediation and enrichment.

## If There Is No Long Summer Vacation, Does That Mean There Is No Summer School?

Learning opportunities usually offered during the summer are offered to year-round students during their three-week vacation breaks. These are called "intersession" programs and they provide opportunities for remediation, reinforcement of basic skills and enrichment activities.

## Since The Middle Schools Are Not On Year-Round Schedules, How Will Fifth-Grade Students Be Affected?

They will enter middle school in the fall just as if they had been on a traditional schedule. All of the tracks will be completed by June 30.

## Will Students Have Access To Special Services, Including Psychological Testing, Speech Therapy, Exceptional Education, Homebound Teacher and Health Services?

Yes, all special services will continue in all tracks.

## Are Bus Students Limited To Certain Tracks?

No, buses will operate on their regular routes to each bus stop during every school day. Only those students who are "on-track" on a given day will board the buses. The others will simply remain at home.

## Will Kindergarten And Exceptional Education Classes Be Utilizing The Year-Round Tracks?

Yes, all grades from prekindergarten to fifth grade, and exceptional education will be utilizing the year-round track system.

## Are There Times When Traditional Schools And Year-Round Schools Have Common Vacations?

The year-round calendar includes all holidays (with the exception of spring break) in the traditional school calendar plus the first three weeks in July.

## With Children In Middle And High School Too, How Can A Family Find Time To Go On A Summer Vacation Together?

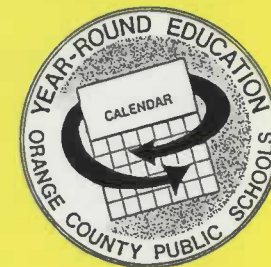
The year-round program allows for a common summer vacation in July for all tracks. In addition, the Blue and Red Tracks have additional "off-track" weeks in the summer.

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