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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DODDS-EUROPE
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SUBJECT: School Calendar for SY 2009-2016

Attached is the School Calendar for SY 2009-2016. DoDEA builds a master overseas school calendar every 5 years with a basis of 183 instructional days and an additional 7 teacher instructional days. At the heart of the calendar are the first and last day of school, and the holiday break. The break has consistently included 3 weekends, 8 vacation days, 2 holidays, and the last day of instruction (before the break) allows for sufficient time for travel to CONUS from overseas. Additionally, the break has started at the end of a week as mid-week breaks find students/staff taking additional days to further extend the break.

In April 2009, DoDEA hosted a meeting with representatives from the Services and commands to discuss a plan for the next 5 years. The only alteration to the above mentioned standard is the holiday break in December 2011. That year December 25th falls on a Sunday, the last day of instruction would be December 23rd. This would make it virtually impossible for families to make reasonable travel arrangements for the holiday vacation. Moving the break one week earlier, to December 16th, would create 9 vacation days versus the normal 8 days. The solution, for this year only, is to have teachers start one day earlier adding a Professional Day (traded from later in the School Year) and students would attend school on the traded Professional Day.

This schedule is approved for SY 2009-2016.

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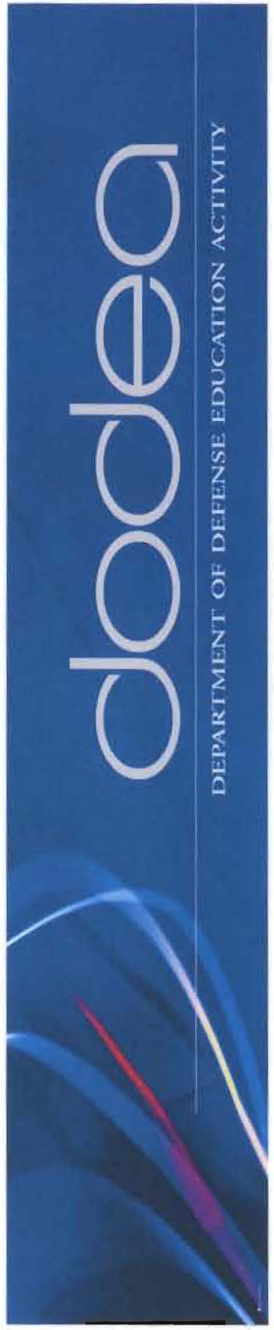
Attachment:
As stated



2009-2016 SY Calendars

Overseas

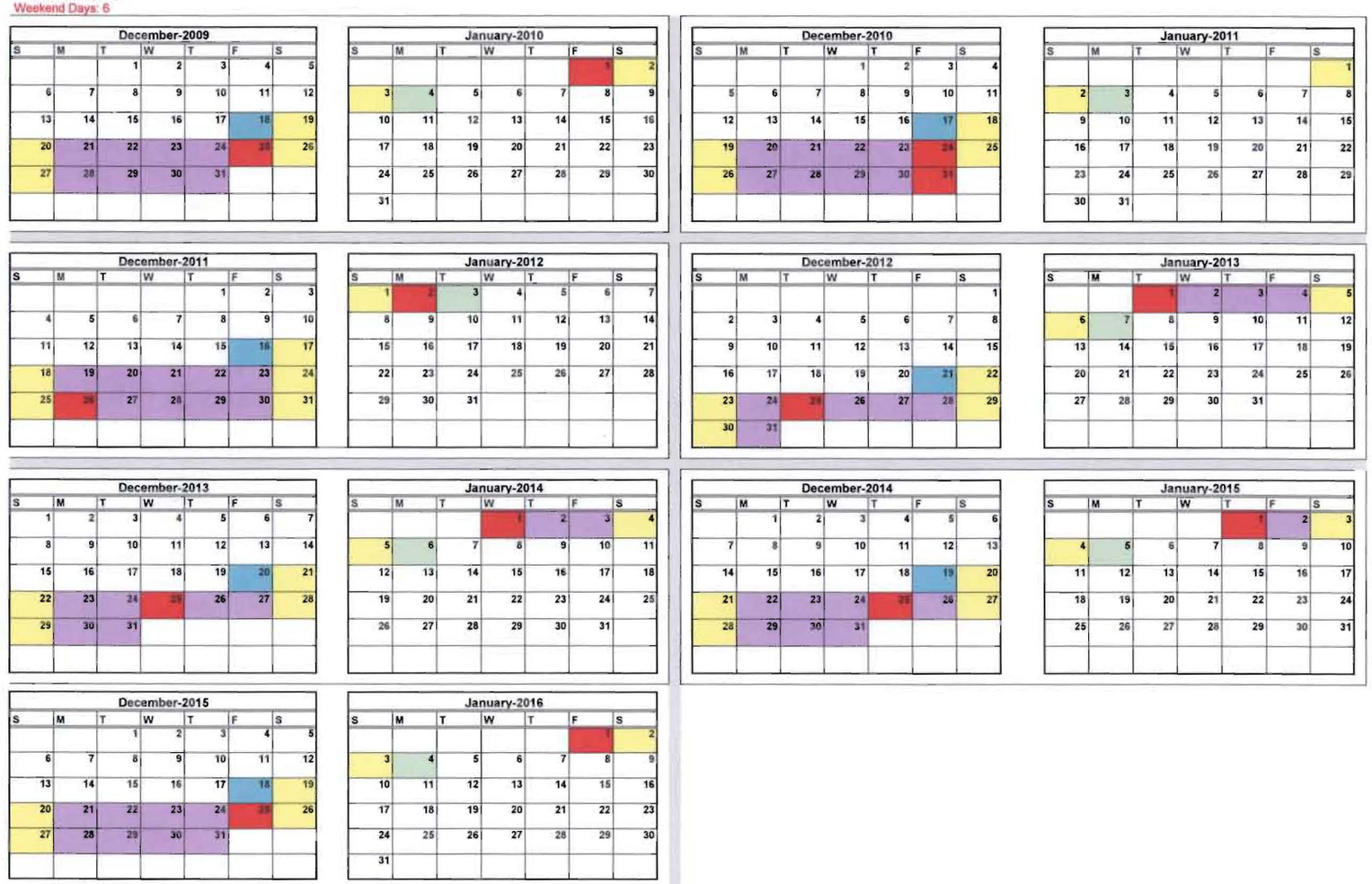
	1st Semester Begins	Winter Recess		1st Semester Ends	2nd Semester Ends
		Winter Recess Begins	Instruction Resumes		
09-10	Mon Aug 31	Mon Dec 21	Mon Jan 4	Th Jan 28	Th Jun 17
10-11	Mon Aug 30	Mon Dec 20	Mon Jan 3	Th Jan 27	Th Jun 16
11-12	~Mon Aug 29	~Mon Dec 19*	~Mon Jan 3	~Th Jan 26	~Th Jun 14
12-13	~Mon Aug 27	~Mon Dec 24	~Mon Jan 7	~Th Jan 24	~Th Jun 13
13-14	~Mon Aug 26	~Mon Dec 23	~Mon Jan 6	~Th Jan 23	~Th Jun 12
14-15	~Mon Aug 25	~Mon Dec 22	~Mon Jan 5	~Th Jan 22	~Th Jun 11
15-16	~Mon Aug 31	~Mon Dec 21	~Mon Jan 4	~Th Jan 28	~Th Jun 16

* 1 - Dec 16 will be the last day of instruction. Teachers will start one day early adding a PD day...traded from later in SY.
2 - Students attend school on traded PD day.

DoDDS Winter Break 2009-2016

Minimum Number of Teacher Work Days Required: 190
Minimum Number of Instructional Days Required: 183

Winter Break:
DoDEA Recess Days: 8
Federal Holidays: 2
Weekend Days: 6



Federal/Local Holidays | DoDEA Recess Day | Instruction Resumes

Weekend incl | Last day of Instruction

FOOTNOTE: For SY 2011-2012
1 - Teachers start one day early adding a PD day ... traded from later in the SY
2 - Students attend school on the traded PD day.