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Sledders were seen on Boston Common in January.

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For schoolchildren across the region, the joy of snow days is melting away.

Just a few short months ago, the cancellations were a welcome gift from above for many youngsters. Now, the snow days stand as a pesky roadblock to the start of summer, leaving students stuck in school buildings to wonder whether winter's weather was worth it.

Classes were canceled for Boston public school students eight days this year — the most weather-related closures in the district in at least two decades — as the region grappled with historic snowfall. On average in Massachusetts, two snow days are called a year.

Students already made up two days, when classes were held on two Suffolk County holidays: Evacuation Day in March and Bunker Hill Day last week. The rest of the missed class time is being made up this week through next Monday.

It all adds up to a school year with the mandated 180 days of instruction.



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But what's better: impromptu days off in January or less time inside stuffy classrooms in June?

That likely depends whether you prefer building snowmen or sand castles, sledding or swimming, snowball fights or water balloon wars. To help decide, here's a meteorological breakdown of the trade:

Weather on snow days vs. makeup days in Boston this school year

Snowday	Weather	High	Low	Precipitation	VS.	Makeup day	Weather	High	Low	Precipitation
Jan 8.	Sunny	19	-1	none	//	March 17	Snow showers	51	28	Trace snow
Jan. 27	Blizzard	19	14	22.1 in. snow	//	June 17	Partly cloudy	69	59	none
Jan. 28	Partly cloudy	24	13	0.2 in. snow	//	June 22	Showers	73	63	40% chance rain
Jan. 29	Partly cloudy	32	10	Trace snow	//	June 23	PM Thunderstorms	83	63	40% chance rain
Feb. 2	Snowstorm	31	10	16.2 in. snow	//	June 24	Sunny	80	62	0% chance rain
Feb. 3	Sunny	22	6	none	//	June 25	Mostly cloudy	77	61	10% chance rain
Feb. 9	Snowstorm	25	14	14.8 in. snow	//	June 26	AM showers	68	59	40% chance rain
Feb. 10	AM snow	30	14	0.7 in. snow	//	June 29	Showers	68	58	50% chance rain

SOURCE: National Weather Service, The Weather Channel

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