



Board of Education

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Board Report

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Agenda Date: 5/29/2025

AMEND BOARD REPORT 24-0222-ED1 **ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

Adopt the academic school year calendar for elementary and high schools for the year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

DESCRIPTION:

The calendar indicates student attendance days, parent teacher conference days, holidays, teacher institute days, school improvement days, professional development days, and days when schools are closed for extended periods of time:

The effect of this action would be to establish a school year calendar for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

The 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 calendar includes 176 student attendance days, 4 Teacher Institute days, 4 School Improvement days, 2 Parent-Teacher Conference Days, and 4 Professional Development days.

This May 2025 amendment makes the following changes to the 2026 academic calendar:

- Move March Elementary School (ES) Report Card Conferences **from March 17, 2026 to March 18, 2026** so ES and High School (HS) are on the same day.
- Move Professional Development day **from March 16 to March 17** so students are not in buildings, which serve as polling locations for primary elections.
- Move Teacher Professional Development Day (non-attendance day for students) **from April 24, 2026 to April 3, 2026** due to Good Friday and new Religious Day Policy.

The calendars were developed with extensive input from school staff, parents, students, and community members.

LSC REVIEW: LSC review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Not applicable.

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2024–2025 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS



AUGUST					NOVEMBER					FEBRUARY					MAY				
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SEPTEMBER					DECEMBER					MARCH					JUNE				
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OCTOBER					JANUARY					APRIL					JULY				
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- Q** End of Quarter
- +** Teacher Institute Days
- #** School Improvement Days
- Day of non-attendance for students
- Anticipated Window for Summer Programs
- No students or teachers in school
- *** Holiday
- PT** Elementary and High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- E** Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement
- ♦** Each school is provided 4 professional development days
- ▲** School clerks begin working on Wednesday, August 14, 2024

*** HOLIDAYS**

September 2	Labor Day	February 17	Presidents' Day
October 14	Indigenous Peoples' Day	May 26	Memorial Day
November 5	Election Day	June 19	Juneteenth
November 28, 29	Thanksgiving Holiday	July 4	Independence Day
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		

Please note: December 25–January 1, June 19, and July 4 are observed holidays for the district offices.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Weeks	9	9	9	11	38
Days	42	43	41	50	176

- SCHOOL CALENDAR** — School clerks begin on August 14, 2024. Teachers and Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) – represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 19, 2024.
 - Other school-based employees begin between August 19, 2024 and August 23, 2024.
 - Students begin classes on Monday, August 26, 2024 and end on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Both days are full days of school for students.
- QUARTERS** — Each quarter ends on the following day:
 - Q1 ends October 25, 2024
 - Q2 ends January 17, 2024
 - Q3 ends March 21, 2025
 - Q4 ends June 12, 2025
- PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS** — Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:
 - Q1 on September 26, 2024
 - Q2 on November 22, 2024
 - Q3 on February 14, 2025
 - Q4 on May 2, 2025
- PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS** — Parents are asked to pick up report cards and conference with teachers after the first and third quarters. Parent-Teacher conference days are non-attendance days for students. Elementary and High schools are expected to run a Parent-Teacher Conference Day:
 - Monday, November 4, 2024
 - Tuesday, April 1, 2025
- REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS** — Please note that report cards for the second and fourth quarters will be sent home:
 - Q2 on January 24, 2025
 - Q4 on June 12, 2025
- TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS** — Teacher institute days are non-attendance days for students. These days are approved by the State Superintendent of Instruction for teacher professional development. Teacher institute days are principal-directed for August 20–August 22, 2024. August 23, 2024 is teacher-directed.
- SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAYS** — School Improvement Days are non-attendance days for students and are for teachers and staff to review student data, plan instruction, and engage in development aligned to school priorities. January 21, 2025 and June 16, 2025 are principal-directed, March 31, 2025 and June 13, 2025 are teacher-directed.
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS** — Each school is provided 4 Professional Development Days: August 19, 2024, September 27, 2024, February 25, 2025 and April 18, 2025. Professional development days are principal directed.
- FLEX DAYS** — August 19, August 20, and June 16 can be scheduled flexibly throughout the year.
- VACATIONS** — Schools are closed for the following breaks:
 - Winter vacation — Schools are closed from December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025.
 - Spring vacation — Schools are closed from March 24, 2025 to March 28, 2025.
- GRADUATION DATES** — High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Saturday, May 31, 2025. Elementary graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Monday, June 9, 2025.
- ANTICIPATED SUMMER PROGRAMS** — Anticipated Summer Programs include Summer Bridge (including Bilingual Bridge), English Language Summer Support, Extended School Year, Summer Acceleration and High School Summer Credit Recovery. The earliest anticipated start date for summer programs is June 25, 2025 and may extend into August 2025.

2025–2026 CPS FAMILY CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS



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- ✦ First day of school on Monday, August 18, 2025
- ▲ Last day of school on Thursday, June 4, 2026
- Day of non-attendance for students
- Anticipated Window for Summer Programs
- No students or teachers in school
- PT Elementary and High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- LSC Local School Council Elections
- E Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement
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* HOLIDAYS

September 1 Labor Day	January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
October 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day	February 16 Presidents' Day
November 11 Veteran's Day	May 25 Memorial Day
November 27, 28 Thanksgiving Holiday	June 19 Juneteenth

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Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Weeks	9	8	9	12	38
Days	42	38	41	55	177

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR** – Students in grades K–12 begin classes on Monday, August 18, 2025 and end on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Both days are full days of school for students. Preschool students begin classes on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 and end on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
- **QUARTERS** – Each quarter ends on the following day:
 - Q1 ends October 17, 2025
 - Q2 ends December 19, 2025
 - Q3 ends March 6, 2026
 - Q4 ends June 4, 2026
- **PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS** – Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:
 - Q1 on September 19, 2025
 - Q2 on November 14, 2025
 - Q3 on February 6, 2026
 - Q4 on May 01, 2026
- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS** – Parents and Guardians are asked to pick up report cards and conference with teachers after the first and third quarters. Parent-Teacher conference days are non-attendance days for students. Elementary and High schools are expected to run a Parent-Teacher Conference Day:
 - Monday, October 27, 2025 (ES and HS)
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (ES and HS)
- **REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS** – Please note that report cards for the second and fourth quarters will be sent home:
 - Q2 on January 09, 2026
 - Q4 on June 4, 2026
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS** – Each school is provided 12 PD days: August 11–15, September 26, January 5, February 17, March 17, April 3, June 5 and 8.
- **VACATIONS** – Schools are closed for the following breaks:
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 - Spring vacation – Schools are closed from March 23, 2026 to March 27, 2026.
- **GRADUATION DATES** – High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Thursday, May 21, 2026. Elementary graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Friday, May 29, 2026.
- **ANTICIPATED SUMMER PROGRAMS** – Anticipated Summer Programs include Summer Bridge (including Bilingual Bridge), English Language Summer Support, Extended School Year, Summer Acceleration and High School Summer Credit Recovery. The earliest anticipated start date for summer programs is June 16, 2026 and may extend into August 2026.