# 2026–2027 CPS STAFF CALENDAR
# ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Chicago Public Schools

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## LEGEND

- * Holiday
- Q End of Quarter
- Day of non-attendance for students
- Anticipated Window for Summer Programs
- No students or teachers in school
- + First day of school for K-12 on Monday, August 24, 2026
  First day of school for PreK on Tuesday August 25, 2026
- PT Elementary and High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- E Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement
- ♦ Professional development days

## *HOLIDAYS

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| September 7 | Labor Day |
| October 12 | Indigenous Peoples' Day |
| November 3 | General Election observed in lieu of Veterans Day |
| November 26, 27 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| January 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| February 15 | Presidents' Day |
| May 31 | Memorial Day |
| July 5 | Observance Day |

**Please note: December 25–January 1 and July 5 are observed holidays for the district offices.**

| Quarter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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| Weeks | 9 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 38 |
| Days | 42 | 45 | 42 | 47 | 176 |

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR —** School clerks begin on August 12, 2026. Teachers and Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) — represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 17, 2026.

  Other school-based employees begin between August 12, 2026 and August 17, 2026.

  Students begin classes on Monday, August 24, 2026 and end on Friday, June 11, 2027. Both days are full days of school for students.

  Preschool students begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 and end of Thursday, June 10, 2027.

- **QUARTERS —** Each quarter ends on the following day:

  Q1 ends October 23, 2026 — Q3 ends April 2, 2027
  Q2 ends January 22, 2027 — Q4 ends June 11, 2027

- **PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS —** Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:

  Q1 on September 24, 2026 — Q3 on February 26, 2027
  Q2 on December 11, 2026 — Q4 on May 06, 2027

- **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 2, 2026 (ES and HS) — Monday, April 12, 2027 (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 28, 2027 — Q4 on June 11, 2027

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS —** Each school is provided 12 PD days with 6 principal-directed and 6 teacher-directed. Some days can be scheduled flexibly throughout the year.

  ES — August 17* and 21, January 4* and 29, April 6*, June 14 are teacher-directed. August 18*, 19* and 20, September 25, November 11, February 23* are principal-directed.

  HS — August 21, January 4, June 14 are teacher-directed. August 17*, 18*, 19 and 20, September 25, November 11, January 29, February 23*, April 6 are principal-directed.

  **Days that are eligible for voting on the Flex PD option.*

  Principal directed days with no district-mandated training for teachers — August 19, November 11, February 23

- **VACATIONS —** Schools are closed for the following breaks:

  Winter vacation — Schools are closed from December 21, 2026 to January 1, 2027.

  Spring vacation — Schools are closed from March 22, 2027 to March 26, 2027.

- **GRADUATION DATES —** High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Friday, May 28, 2027. Elementary graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to Monday, June 7, 2027.

- **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 July 6, 2027 and may extend into August 2027.

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