

2026-2027 WCS STAFF SCHOOL CALENDAR

1st Semester = 83 Instructional Days

2nd Semester = 94 Instructional Days

Day	Date	Definition
Friday (No School)	July 3	Independence Day Observed (System Closed)
Wednesday – Thursday (No Students)	July 29 – 30	New Teacher Induction
Monday (No Students)	August 3	Administrative Day (All Teachers Report)
Tuesday (No Students)	August 4	<i>District-Wide Professional Development Day</i>
Wednesday (No Students)	August 5	<i>Site-Based Professional Development Day</i>
Thursday (No Students)	August 6	<i>Site-Based Professional Development Day</i>
Friday (No Students)	August 7	Administrative Day – Teacher Prep Day (Flex)*
Monday (Students ½ Day)	August 10	Start of School (1 st – 12 th Grades)
Tuesday	August 11	First Full Day of School (1 st – 12 th Grades)
Monday	August 17	First Full Day for Pre-Kindergarten, Early Childhood and Kindergarten Students
Monday (No School)	September 7	Labor Day (System Closed)
Thursday	September 17	Constitution Day Observed (Students in School)
Monday - Friday	September 21 – November 6	Parent Teacher Conference Window*
Friday	October 9	End of First Quarter Grading Period (44 Grading Days)
Monday (No Students)	October 12	Columbus Day; Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Flex)*
Tuesday (No Students)	October 13	<i>District-Wide Professional Development Day (Flex)*</i>
Wednesday – Friday (No School)	October 14 – 16	Fall Break (System Closed)
Tuesday (No Students)	November 3	<i>Site-Based Professional Development Day; Election Day</i>
Wednesday	November 11	Veterans' Day (Students in School)
Monday – Friday (No School)	November 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday (System Closed)
Friday (Students ½ Day)	December 18	End of First Semester (39 Grading Days)
Monday - Friday (No School)	December 21 – January 1	Winter Break & New Year's Day (System Closed)
Monday (No Students)	January 4	Administrative Day – Teacher Prep Day (Flex)*
Tuesday	January 5	Students Full Day – Second Semester Begins
Monday (No School)	January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (System Closed)
Friday (No Students)	February 12	<i>District-Wide Professional Development Day</i>
Monday (No School)	February 15	Mid-Winter Break; Presidents' Day
Friday	March 12	End of Third Quarter Grading Period (46 Grading Days)
Monday – Friday (No School)	March 15 – 19	Spring Break (System Closed)
Friday (No School)	March 26	Spring Holiday (System Closed)
Thursday (Students ½ Day)	May 27	Last Day for Students – End of Second Semester (48 Grading Days)
Thursday – Sunday	May 27 – 30	Graduation Window
Friday	May 28	Administrative Day (All Teachers Report)
Monday	May 31	Memorial Day (System Closed)
Friday	June 18	Juneteenth Observed

*See next page for more explanation.

Specific testing dates/windows can be found on the [WCS Assessment Page](#) as they become available.

Professional Development Days

Six (6) days below are in this calendar for professional development. Two (2) days must be scheduled by each teacher outside the scheduled school calendar. All professional development days are in person unless otherwise noted and shall be equivalent to not less than six (6) hours of planned activities per day.

August 4	-	District-Wide
August 5	-	Site-Based
August 6	-	Site-Based
October 13	-	District-Wide
November 3	-	Site-Based
February 12	-	District-Wide

***Administrative Day – Teacher Prep Dates (Flex) August 7 and January 4**

Teachers will work six (6) hours preparing their classrooms and instructional materials for the start of each semester. The hours may be worked on the date indicated or any time before the first day of the semester. The requirements for the start of each semester haven't changed, but when and where classroom teachers complete the start of semester requirements are flexible. Each principal will share expectations on how teachers log the required work hours and, and teachers will clock-in on the scheduled work date to document these hours for payroll purposes.

***Parent Teacher Conferences Dates (Flex)**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled for a total of 6 hours before or after school between September 21-November 6. This allows flexibility for teachers to complete conferences three weeks before and after the calendar date of October 12th. Conferences may be conducted in person, via Zoom or by phone. Conference hours shall be documented and approved by the Superintendent of Schools or Designee. Teachers will clock-in on October 12th to document these hours for payroll purposes, but they are not expected to do conferences on October 12th.

***District-Wide PD Date (Flex)**

October 13th is a District-Wide PD Flex Date for a total of six (6) hours of professional development as follows: two (2) hours of required back-to-school videos shall be completed before the first student day of school; two (2) hours of face-to-face suicide prevention PD shall be completed before the end of the first semester (each principal schedules dates & times for their schools); and two (2) hours of asynchronous Instructional Technology PD shall be completed before the end of the first semester as assigned by the TLA department (released on or before October 13th).

Inclement Weather Days

Up to ten (10) inclement weather days are accumulated in the school calendar through extended work (stockpile) days and will not be made up. If more than ten (10) days are missed due to weather-related conditions, the Calendar Committee recommends to the Superintendent of Schools to use the following dates in order: Mid-Winter Break; Second Semester Professional Development Day; Spring Holiday; Spring Break Days (Monday, then Tuesday, then Wednesday); Additional days at the end of the school year calendar.

No Students – Students do not report to school. Teachers will report for an Admin or PD Day.

No School – Students and teachers do not report. Twelve-month employees report to work on this day.

System Closed – All schools and the district offices are closed.

K-5 Early Release Dates (11 dates, 113 min.)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>
August 26	January 13
September 16	January 27
September 30	February 10
October 28	February 24
November 11	March 10
December 9	

6-12 Late Start Dates (27 dates, 45 min.)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>
August 18	January 5
August 24	January 11
August 31	January 19
September 8	January 25
September 14	February 1
September 21	February 8
September 28	February 22
October 5	March 1
October 19	March 8
October 26	March 22
November 2	March 29
November 9	April 5
November 16	
November 30	
December 7	

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