

2025–2026 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS



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LEGEND

- Q** End of Quarter
- +** Teacher Institute Days
- #** School Improvement Days
- *** Holiday
- 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
- ESPT** Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- HSPT** 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 6, 2025

* HOLIDAYS

- September 1 Labor Day
 - October 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - November 11 Veteran's Day
 - November 27, 28 Thanksgiving Holiday
 - January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - February 16 Presidents' Day
 - May 25 Memorial Day
 - June 19 Juneteenth
- Please note: December 25–January 1 and June 19 are observed holidays for the district offices.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Weeks	9	8	9	12	38
Days	42	38	41	54	176

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR** — School clerks begin on August 6, 2025. Teachers and Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) – represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 11, 2025.
 - Other school-based employees begin between August 11, 2025 and August 15, 2025.
 - Students begin classes on Monday, August 18, 2025 and end on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Both days are full days of school for students.
- **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 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)
 - Tuesday, March 17, 2026 (ES)
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (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
- **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 12 - August 14; August 15 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 5, 2026 and June 8, 2026 is principal-directed and March 16, 2026 and June 5, 2026 are teacher-directed.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS** — Each school is provided 4 Professional Development Days: August 11, 2025, September 26, 2025, February 17, 2026, and April 24, 2026. Professional development days are principal directed.
- **FLEX DAYS** — August 11 and 12 and June 8 can be scheduled flexibly throughout the year.
- **VACATIONS** — Schools are closed for the following breaks:
 - Winter vacation — Schools are closed from December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026.
 - 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.