

2025–2026 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS



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LEGEND

Q	End of Quarter	PT	Elementary and High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day
+	Teacher Institute Days	ESPT	Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Day
#	School Improvement Days	HSPT	High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day
*	Holiday	E	Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement
	Day of non-attendance for students	♦	Each school is provided 4 professional development days
	Anticipated Window for Summer Programs	▲	School clerks begin working on Wednesday, August 6, 2025
	No students or teachers in school		

* 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

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 Q3 ends March 6, 2026
Q2 ends December 19, 2025 Q4 ends June 4, 2026
- PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS** — Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:
Q1 on September 19, 2025 Q3 on February 6, 2026
Q2 on November 14, 2025 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.