



St. Louis Park Schools School Calendar

2026-2027

General Concepts in Developing a Calendar

Instructional Time & Contractual Requirements

- ❑ Maintain **instructional days** based on grade level to meet state-mandated instructional hours:
 - ❑ **169 days for kindergarten** (850 hours required)
 - ❑ **170 days for elementary (Grades 1-5)** (935 hours required)
 - ❑ **171 days for secondary (Grades 6-12)** (935 hours required for Grade 6, 1020 hours for Grades 7-12)
 - ❑ Ensure **185 total teacher contract duty days**, including professional development and planning days.
 - ❑ Aim for **semesters with approximately 85 instructional days**.

Minimizing Disruptions & Broken Weeks

- ❑ **Minimize broken weeks** to support instructional continuity.
- ❑ **Start as early as possible after Labor Day** (required by statute unless a state waiver is granted). **Except** for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year.
- ❑ **End as early as possible** to accommodate summer learning opportunities and external academic schedules.



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Breaks & Holidays

- ❑ **Winter Break:** Approximately two weeks, adjusting based on January 1 and the school's end date.
- ❑ **Spring Break:** One week, with potential adjustments based on the school's end date.
- ❑ **Major Religious Observances:**
 - ❑ **Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr will be non-school days** when they fall on instructional days.
 - ❑ If **Yom Kippur or Eid al-Fitr are on a weekend or non-school day, Rosh Hashanah or Eid al-Adha** will be observed instead.
 - ❑ For Jewish and Islamic holidays that begin at sundown, the designated **non-instructional day will be the following day.**



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Operational Considerations

- ❑ **Minimize transportation costs** by maintaining **tiered bus routes** and aligning school start times efficiently.
- ❑ Address concerns from **teachers regarding late school-year end dates**, particularly for **AP curriculum planning and testing schedules**.

Approval & Planning Process

- ❑ Each year, the Board will **approve the calendar for the following school year**
- ❑ A **calendar committee** will be convened to ensure diverse community representation and input.





Aug	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
6	3	4	5	6	7
1	10	11	12	13	14
1	17	18	19	20	21
1	24	25	26	27	28
0	31				

Nov	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
19	2	3	4	5	6
17	9	10	11	12	13
17	16	17	18	19	20
17	23	24	25	26	27
17	30				

Feb	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
19	1	2	3	4	5
18	8	9	10	11	12
18	15	16	17	18	19
17	22	23	24	25	26
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May	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
20	3	4	5	6	7
20	10	11	12	13	14
20	17	18	19	20	21
20	24	25	26	27	28
20	31				

Sep	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
20		1	2	3	4
20	7	8	9	10	11
20	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24	25
20	28	29	30		

Dec	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
14		1	2	3	4
13	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18
13	21	22	23	24	25
13	28	29	30	31	

Mar	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
19	1	2	3	4	5
18	8	9	10	11	12
18	15	16	17	18	19
18	22	23	24	25	26
18	29	30	31		

Jun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
8		1	2	3	4
7	7	8	9	10	11
7	14	15	16	17	18
7	21	22	23	24	25
7	28	29	30		

Oct	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
20					2
19	5	6	7	8	9
19	12	13	14	15	16
19	19	20	21	22	23
19	26	27	28	29	30

Jan	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
19					3
18	4	5	6	7	8
18	11	12	13	14	15
18	18	19	20	21	22
18	25	26	27	28	29

Apr	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
21					2
20	5	6	7	8	9
20	12	13	14	15	16
20	19	20	21	22	23
20	26	27	28	29	30

Qtr	K	Elem	MS	HS	Tchr
1	39	40	40	40	46
2	40	40	40	40	52
3	43	43	44	44	38
4	47	47	47	47	49
Total	169	170	171	171	185

New Teacher Workshop	8/17 to 8/21
Workshop Week	8/24 to 8/28
First Day 1st - 12th	8/31
First Day Kindergarten	9/1
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays	9/7
Rosh Hashanah Holiday - School Not in Session (Weekend)	9/12
Yom Kippur Holiday - School Not in Session	9/21
MEA Teacher Convention	10/15 to 10/16
No Students- Elem Conferences and Secondary PD	10/23
No Students- Elem PD and Secondary Reporting	11/3
No Students- Elem & Sec Fall Evening Conference Comp Day	11/25
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays	11/26 to 11/27
No Students - District PD Full Day-No School	12/4

Teacher Non Duty/Student & Winter Break	12/21 to 1/1
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays	1/18
Elem. Conferences (No Elem School-Secondary has school)	2/4
No Students - District PD Full Day-No School	2/5
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays	2/15
Eid-al-Fitr Holiday - School Not in Session	3/10
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Spring Break	3/29 to 4/2
No Students- Elem & Sec Spring Evening Conference Comp Day	4/2
Eid-al-Adha Holiday - School in Session	5/17
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays	5/31
No Students-Work Day Elem/Sec-Grading-Reporting	1/19 3/26 6/10
End of Quarter-Students Report	10/30 1/15 3/25 6/9
Last Day K - 12th Students Report	6/9

Discussion and Next Steps

Timeline

- ❑ Calendar committee met and reviewed on **October 8, 2025**.
- ❑ Calendar will be presented on the **October 14, 2025** Study session for Boards review.
- ❑ Calendar will be presented on the **October 28, 2025** Business meeting for Boards approval.

