

Dates with Meeting Restrictions 2026-2027

January 1, 2026	New Year's Day Holiday	No school, no meetings
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed *	No meetings
February 3, 2026	Precinct Caucus Day	No meetings or activities after 6:00 p.m.
February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day *	No meetings
March 10, 2026	Township Election Day (if applicable)	No meetings or activities 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day	No school, no meetings
June 19, 2026	Juneteenth ^	No school, no meetings
July 3, 2026	Independence Day Observed	No school, no meetings
August 11, 2026	Primary Election Day	No meetings or activities 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
September 7, 2026	Labor Day	No school, no meetings
September 17, 2026	Constitution Day ^^	Schools must an educational program
October 12, 2026	Indigenous Peoples Day (Optional Holiday) ^^^	No meetings if this is a school district holiday
November 3, 2026	Election Day	No meetings or activities 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
November 11, 2026	Veterans Day	No meetings
November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day	No school, no meetings
November 27, 2026	Day After Thanksgiving (Optional Holiday)	No meetings if this is a school district holiday



December 25, 2026	Christmas Day	No school, no meetings
January 1, 2027	New Year's Day Holiday	No school, no meetings
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed *	No meetings
February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day *	No meetings
March 9, 2027	Township Election Day (if applicable)	No meetings or activities 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day	No school, no meetings
June 18, 2027	Juneteenth Observed^	No school, no meetings

* Minnesota State Holidays

<u>Minnesota Statutes Section 645.44</u> list dates that are "holidays" under state law. Minnesota's political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Indigenous Peoples Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving shall be holidays. Where it is determined that either day is not a holiday, public business may be conducted.

If the date is determined to be a school day, it must be reflected in the teacher's contract. If Martin Luther King's birthday, Presidents Day, Veterans Day is determined to be a school day, at least one hour of the school program must be devoted to a patriotic observance of the day. For more information, see <u>Minnesota Statutes Section 120A.42</u> (Conduct of School on Certain Holidays).

When the following holidays fall on a **Saturday**, the holiday is observed on the preceding **Friday**; when the following holidays fall on a **Sunday**, the holiday is observed on the following **Monday**:

New Year's Day (January 1) Juneteenth (June 19) Independence Day (July 4) Veterans Day (November 11) Christmas Day (December 25)

Juneteenth ^

On Juneteenth (June 19), "public schools may offer instruction and programs on the occasion." For more information, see <u>Minnesota Statutes 10.55</u> (*Juneteenth*). The Minnesota Department of Education takes the position that school may not be offered on this holiday. MSBA continues to work with MDE to determine the "instruction and programs on the occasion" that may be offered.

Constitution Day (September 17) ^^

September 17 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (Constitution Day). This day commemorates the September 17, 1787, signing of the United States Constitution. Under federal law (36 U.S.C. 106), each school that receives federal funds shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17.

Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year is required to hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students on September 17 (if it falls on a weekend; it should be held in the previous or next week). The federal Department of Education has additional information and resources available on its website.



Indigenous Peoples Day ^^^

In 2023, the Minnesota legislature replaced Christopher Columbus Day (the second Monday in October) with Indigenous Peoples Day. All references to "Christopher Columbus Day" or "Columbus Day" are to be changed to "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules. Thus, the conditions set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 120A.42 (Conduct of School on Certain Holidays) continue to apply on this date.

