



2026-27 School Calendar

Making calendar decisions is one critical element of designing for student success



Shifting instructional time by earlier start of school year

- We propose beginning the school year prior to Labor Day, as permitted by recent changes in Minnesota statute.
- Shifting instructional days to the front of the year maximizes learning by providing more time before key assessments, including statewide MCAs in the spring and local FAST assessments in the fall and spring. It also strengthens success in the approximately 20 College in the Schools courses we offer, ensuring students have additional weeks to master foundational content before college-level pacing accelerates.
- Research shows that late-spring days are less productive due to higher absence rates and competing commitments, while earlier starts improve pacing for interventions and support stronger growth measures.
- This change aligns with our purpose: partnering with students, staff, families, and communities to challenge every student to achieve their greatest potential and become informed, engaged citizens.



Timeline for Approval

First Reading: October 9, 2025

Second Reading: November 13, 2025