
2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Calendar Review

Prepared for School Board Study Session November 12, 2024



General Concepts For The Calendar

1. Have as few broken weeks of instruction as possible
2. Semesters should have roughly the same number of instructional days (85)
3. Maintain instructional time and teacher contract days
 - 169 – days of instruction at Kindergarten (850 hours required at K)
 - 170 – elementary student contact (935 Hours required Grades 1-5)
 - 171 – secondary student contact (935 hours required at Grade 6, 1020 hours at Grades 7-12)
 - 185 – teacher total contract duty days
4. Minimize transportation costs (such as HS off and Elem instruction day - tiered routes)
5. Start after Labor day required by statute - (unless waiver by State)
6. Begin as early as possible
7. End as early as possible
8. Winter break (roughly 2 weeks) - adjusts based on Jan 1 day and based on ending date of school
9. Spring break (1 week) - Could look at this based on ending date of school
10. Avoid major religious holidays for events whenever possible
11. Yom Kippur and Eid al-Fitr non school days when they fall on instructional days (starting 2023-24)
12. Graduation should not be held on Friday
13. Approve next year's calendar and develop draft of year after that for planning.



Calendar Committee Meeting

Committee was made up of: District, Site, PAT and SPARK Leaders, Teachers and other members from both the Jewish and Muslim community.

Here's a summary of the key points on the calendar feedback:

- **Calendar and Holiday Considerations:**
 - Avoid scheduling classes on religious holidays, with at least one Muslim and one Jewish holiday observed.
 - In years when holidays fall on weekends, communicate to families why they may not appear on the calendar.
- **Attendance and Classroom Management:**
 - Provide guidance to teachers on how to handle holiday observance in the classroom if school is in session.
 - Create community agreements on the approach for in-session holidays to foster inclusivity and awareness.
 - Teachers with Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses express a preference for an earlier start to avoid curriculum pressure.
- **Questions Raised on Observing Holidays:**
 - What is the purpose of observing these specific holidays, and how do they impact school disruptions?
 - How do these decisions align with practices in neighboring districts?
 - Understanding the preference of Muslim families regarding which holidays they prefer acknowledged, considering both are significant
 - Substitute teacher costs are a factor when classes are held on potential holiday observance days.



2025-2026 Approved Jan 9, 2024



2025-2026 School Calendar - HR Duty Days Planning

Aug	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sep	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Oct	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
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Workshop Week	8/25 to 8/29	Elem. Conferences (No Elem School-Secondary Has School)	2/13
Teacher Non Duty/Student & Other Staff Holidays		HS Conferences/Flex (No HS Students, Pre K-8 In Session)	3/6
First Day 1st -12th	9/2	Eid-al-Fitr Holiday - School Not In Session	3/20
First Day Kindergarten	9/3	No Students-Elem & Sec Spring Evening Conference Comp-Good Friday	4/3
Yom Kippur Holiday - School Not in Session	10/2	Grades 6-8 Digital Learning Day (Grades 9-12 In Session)	4/17
HS Conferences/Flex (No HS Students, Pre K-8 In Session)	10/3	No Students-Work Day Ele/Sec-Grading-Reporting	6/11
No Students- Elem Conferences and Secondary PD	10/15	End of Quarter-Students report	10/31 1/29 3/26 6/10
EM Teacher Convention	10/16 & 10/17	Last Day K - 12th Students report	6/10
No Students- Elem PD and Secondary Reporting	11/3		
Grades 6-8 Digital Learning Day (Grades 9-12 In Session)	11/14		
No Students-Elem & Sec Fall Evening Conference Comp Day	11/26		

HS Graduation Tentatively June 9, 2026

Board Approved: 03/09/2024

Winter Break remains two weeks.

Yom Kippur Wednesday night Oct 1 at sundown. Non-school day Thursday, Oct 2

Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) Thursday night Mar 19 and the non-school day would be Friday Mar 20.

If no changes, then the Board would not need to take any further action.



St. Louis Park Public Schools

2026-2027 First Draft Review- Shorter Winter Break

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Brings last day for students to June 11th.



HS Graduation Tentatively June 8-10, 2027

Board Approved

2026-2027 First Draft Review- Shorter Winter Break & Added PD Days



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Discussion and Questions

Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Holiday	Rosh Hashanah	Yom Kippur	Eid al-Fitr	Eid al Adha
Years	Observed Date	Observed Date	Observed Date	Observed Date
2023 - 2024	Saturday, September 16, 2023	Monday, September 25, 2023	Wednesday, April 10, 2024	Monday, June 17, 2024
2024 - 2025	Thursday, October 3, 2024	Saturday, October 12, 2024	Monday, March 31, 2025	Saturday, June 7, 2025
2025 - 2026	Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Thursday, October 2, 2025	Friday, March 20, 2026	Thursday, May 7, 2026
2026 - 2027	Saturday, September 12, 2026	Monday, September 21, 2026	Wednesday, March 10, 2027	Monday, May 17, 2027
2027 - 2028	Saturday, October 2, 2027	Monday, October 11, 2027	Sunday, February 27, 2028	Friday, May 5, 2028
2028 - 2029	Thursday, September 21, 2028	Saturday, September 30, 2028	Thursday, February 15, 2029	Tuesday, April 24, 2029
2029 - 2030	Monday, September 10, 2029	Wednesday, September 19, 2029	Tuesday, February 5, 2030	Sunday, April 14, 2030

Key: Highlighted days are instructional days that could be observed. Future calendars 2030 all have at least one Jewish and one Muslim holidays that fall on instructional days.



Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Rosh Hashanah

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	15-Sep	Sun	16-Sep	Mon
2024	2-Oct	Wed	3-Oct	Thur
2025	22-Sep	Mon	23-Sep	Tue
2026	11-Sep	Sun	12-Sep	Mon
2027	1-Oct	Fri	2-Oct	Sat
2028	20-Sep	Wed	21-Sep	Thur
2029	9-Sep	Sun	10-Sep	Mon
2030	27-Sep	Fri	28-Sep	Sat

Yom Kippur

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	24-Sep	Wed	25-Sep	Thur
2024	11-Oct	Sat	12-Oct	Sun
2025	1-Oct	Wed	2-Oct	Thur
2026	20-Sep	Sun	21-Sep	Mon
2027	10-Oct	Sun	11-Oct	Mon
2028	29-Sep	Fri	30-Sep	Sat
2029	18-Sep	Tue	19-Sep	Wed
2030	6-Oct	Sun	7-Oct	Mon



Holidays 2023-2030 Reference

Eid al-Fitr

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	20-Apr	Fri	21-Apr	Sat
2024	9-Apr	Tue	10-Apr	Wed
2025	30-Mar	Sun	31-Mar	Mon
2026	19-Mar	Thur	20-Mar	Fri
2027	9-Mar	Tue	10-Mar	Wed
2028	26-Feb	Sat	27-Feb	Sun
2029	14-Feb	Wed	15-Feb	Thur
2030	4-Feb	Mon	5-Feb	Tue

Eid al-Adha

Year	Start		Observed	
2023	27-Jun	Tue	28-Jun	Wed
2024	16-Jun	Sun	17-Jun	Mon
2025	6-Jun	Fri	7-Jun	Sat
2026	26-May	Tue	27-May	Wed
2027	16-May	Sun	17-May	Mon
2028	4-May	Thur	5-May	Fri
2029	23-Apr	Mon	24-Apr	Tue
2030	13-Apr	Sat	14-Apr	Sun

