



2026-27 School Year

Calendar

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR VERSIONS

West Allis-West Milwaukee School District 2026-2027 Staff School Calendar

August 2026	September 2026	October 2026
November 2026	December 2026	January 2027
February 2027	March 2027	April 2027
May 2027	June 2027	

Aug. 19-21 New Employee In-Service/Orientation (3 Days)	Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Aug. 25-28 All Teacher & EA In-Service/Work Time (4 Days)	Jan. 25 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
Aug. 31 - All Teacher & EA Prep Day	Feb. 5 - Planning Day - ELEMENTARY ONLY
Sept. 1 - First Day of School	Feb. 15-16 - All Staff Professional Development Days
Sept. 7 - Labor Day	March 22-26 - Spring Break
Oct. 9 - Planning Day - ELEMENTARY ONLY	April 5-8 - All Staff Professional Development Days
Oct. 30 - Fall Break Day	May 21 - Planning Day - ELEMENTARY ONLY
Nov. 2-3 - All Staff Professional Development Days	May 28 & 31 - Extended Memorial Day Weekend
Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break	June 10 - Last Student Day of School
Dec. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Break	June 11 - Teacher Record Keeping Day
Jan. 4 - Classes Resume	June 12 - High School Graduation

These dates not documented
1st Quarter Ends - Nov. 4 (43 Days)
3rd Quarter Ends - April 7 (43 Days)

2nd Quarter Ends - Jan. 22 (43 Days)
4th Quarter Ends - June 10 (44 Days)

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Version 1:

- Staff professional development days are scheduled on election days (November 3, February 16, April 6)
 - Allows for consistent professional development throughout the year.
- Includes October 30, Fall Break, as a non-work day.
- Three days off for Thanksgiving Break.
- Two full weeks for Winter Break.
- Extended Memorial Day Weekend.

Version 2:

- Staff professional development days are scheduled on election days (November 3, February 16, April 6)
 - Allows for consistent professional development throughout the year.
- Does not include October 30 as a non-work day.
- Full week off for students (one PD day for staff) for Thanksgiving Break.
- Two full weeks for Winter Break.
- Regular Memorial Day Weekend.

SURVEY RESULTS

We sent the calendar survey to parents and staff separately to ensure that we gathered clear, specific feedback from each group based on their unique perspectives and needs.

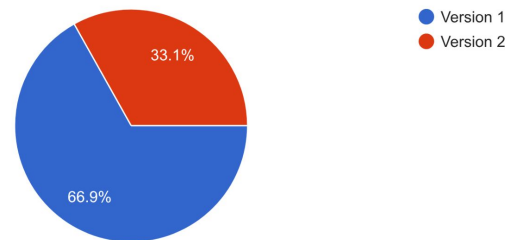
Parents and staff experience the school calendar differently, parents focus on family scheduling and childcare, while staff consider instructional planning and workload.

Separating the surveys helps us better understand and address the distinct concerns and priorities of both groups, leading to a more balanced and effective calendar decision.

Parent Feedback

Which calendar (version 1, version 2) do you prefer for the 2026-27 school year?

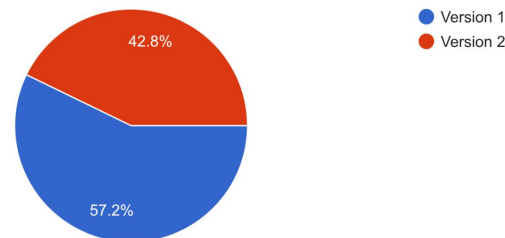
178 responses



Staff Feedback

Which calendar (version 1, version 2) do you prefer for the 2026-27 school year?

320 responses



THE VOICE FEEDBACK - VERSION 1

Version 1 - Pros

- Day off before Halloween
- Balanced November schedule that makes up for fewer breaks in Sept./Oct.
- Two full weeks off for winter break
- Spring break timing with April PD Days allows for nice student breaks
- Overall pacing is steady, with exam and midterm timing fitting well

Version 1 - Cons

- Long stretch from Sept.–Oct. with no days off—difficult for students and teachers
- Fall break is minimal, with teachers receiving only one day off
- Thanksgiving break is not a full week
- Not having the day after Easter off (March 29)

THE VOICE FEEDBACK - VERSION 2

Version 2 - Pros

- Full week off for Thanksgiving
- Two full weeks off for winter break
- January exam week is well-structured
- Professional development days teachers
- At least one day off in May, easing the long spring stretch

Version 2 - Cons

- Long stretch from Sept.–Oct. with no days off—difficult for students and teachers
- No Fall Break Day

QUESTIONS ?