

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August/September

M	T	W	R	F
25	26	27	28	29
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

October

M	T	W	R	F
29	30	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

November

M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

December

M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

January

M	T	W	R	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

August 27-28 New Staff Orientation

September - (Staff 20/Students 18 Days)

1 Labor Day - Closed
2-3 All Staff / In-Service
4 Classes Commence Single Session / Staff In-Service
5 Single Session / Staff In-Service
23 Rosh Hashanah - Closed

October - (Staff /Students 21 Days)

2 Yom Kippur - Closed
13 Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day - Early Dismissal / Staff In-Service
20 Diwali - Closed

November - (Staff/Students 16 Days)

6-7 NJEA Convention - Closed
26 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Dismissal
27-28 Thanksgiving Recess - Closed

December - (Staff/Students 17 Days)

8-10 Parent Teacher Conferences K-8 Only
23 Single Session
24 January 1- Winter Recess - Closed

January - (Staff/Students 20 Days)

1 New Year's Day - Closed
16 Single Session / Staff In-Service
19 MLK Day - Closed

February - (Staff/Students 18 Days)

13 Single Session / Staff In-service
16 President's Day - Closed
17 Lunar New Year - Closed

March - (Staff/Students 19 Days)

6 Single Session / Staff In-Service
20 Eid - Closed
23-25 Parent Teacher Conferences K-8 Only
30 to April 3 Spring Recess - Closed

April - (Staff/Students 19 Days)

24 Single Session / Staff In-Service

May - (Staff/Students 20 Days)

25 Memorial Day - Closed

June - (Staff/Students 14 Days)

16-17 Single Session-Staff Referendum Pack Up
18 Single Session - Last Day & HS Graduation
19 District Closed Juneteenth

July 18-25 Summer Blackout

February

M	T	W	R	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

March

M	T	W	R	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April

M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May

M	T	W	R	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

June

M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

	Schools Closed
	Staff Only
	New Staff Only
	Single Session
	Single Session-Staff Referendum Pack Up
	Single Session / Staff In-Service
	Parent Teacher Conferences - Single Session K-8 Only

Note: There are two snow days built into this calendar. In the event that inclement weather forces additional school closings, those extra day(s) will be made up beginning with March 30, March 31 and April 1. In the event snow days are not used, those days will be given back as follows: April 6 and May 22. High School graduation will not change. For planning purposes, parents should note that the summer blackout dates, on which there are no extracurricular activities, are from July 18 to July 25. Students will attend school for a total of 182 days and staff will attend school for a total of 184 days. **The Board of Education reserves the right to change this calendar as needed.**

Adopted 11/19/2024, Revised 1/14/2025

This 2025-26 academic calendar provides for:

- 182 student days and 184 staff days
- (2) Emergency closure days; additional day(s) will be made on 3/30, 3/31, and 4/1
- Unused days will be given back on 4/6 and 5/22
- High school graduation on 6/18 and will not change
- Summer Blackout Period: 7/18 to 7/25

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Due to the planned summer work related to the Referendum, Madison school buildings cannot open before **September 2, 2025**, and must close by **June 18, 2026**. Students are required to attend 180 school days. The number of single-session days (18) is an exception for MPS, not the norm, and is primarily driven by the ongoing referendum construction and further amplified by the competing needs of the district.

The (18) Single Session Days breakdown as follows:

- (2) Annual Back-to-School In-Service – 9/4, 9/5
- (5) Professional Development – Mon: 10/13, Fri: 1/16, 2/13, 3/6, 4/24
- (6) K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences days – 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25
- (2) 2026 Referendum Construction single session days – 6/16, 6/17
- (2) Holiday Related Early Dismissals: 11/26, 12/23
- Last Day of School Early Dismissal: 6/18

While the referendum work continues, the District does not have the flexibility to schedule staff training on closure days without starting the school year earlier, extending it later, or holding training on observed cultural holidays. Two (2) single-session days are scheduled for back-to-school meetings and mandatory annual training. Five (5) additional days are reserved for curriculum and instruction professional development in multiple content areas, including reading, writing, math, and secondary education level assessments. Six (6) K-8 parent teacher conference single-session days are necessary to offer conferences to all parents twice a year while also satisfying faculty and staff contractual obligations. Lastly, the district reserved two (2) single-session days at the end of the 2025-26 school year to ensure the buildings close on time and summer referendum work is not delayed.

The Administration will continue to evaluate the efficacy of the spring conference schedules and its professional development plans. If an opportunity arises to further reduce the number of single-session days for the 2025-26 academic year, it will do so. In the meantime, Madison Public Schools remains committed to supporting students and families by ensuring meaningful and developmentally appropriate instructional time, delivering essential student services and interventions, providing students access to meals, and facilitating after-school childcare opportunities through ongoing collaboration. Despite scheduling constraints, we remain focused on maximizing student learning and well-being.