

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

Serving the Communities of Alhambra, Grantfork, Highland, New Douglas, and Pierron

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2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday	August 11, 2025	Teacher Institute
Tuesday	August 12, 2025	Teacher Institute
Wednesday	August 13, 2025	First Day of School
Monday	September 1, 2025	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	September 10, 2025	Early Dismissal**
Friday	October 10, 2025	Teacher Workday – Half-day Dismissal*
Monday	October 13, 2025	Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	October 29, 2025	Early Dismissal**
Thursday	October 30, 2025	Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – PreK-12
Friday	October 31, 2025	Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – PreK-12
Tuesday	November 11, 2025	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	November 19, 2025	Early Dismissal**
Tuesday	November 25, 2025	Last Day before Thanksgiving Holidays
Wednesday-Friday	November 26-28, 2025	Thanksgiving Holidays – NO SCHOOL
Friday	December 5, 2025	Teacher Workday – Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	December 19, 2025	Last Day before Winter Holidays – Early Dismissal**
Monday-Friday	Dec. 22, 2025–Jan. 2, 2026	Winter Holidays – NO SCHOOL
Monday	January 5, 2026	Teacher Institute – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January 6, 2026	Return to Classes
Wednesday	January 14, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Monday	January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday	February 13, 2026	Teacher Inservice – Half-day Dismissal*
Monday	February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	February 25, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Thursday	March 12, 2026	Teacher Inservice – Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	March 13, 2026	Teacher Institute – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	April 1, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Thursday-Monday	April 2-6, 2026	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	April 7, 2026	Return to Classes
Tuesday	April 15, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Friday	May 1, 2026	Teacher Inservice - Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	May 15, 2026	HHS Graduation – 7:00 p.m. (tentative)
Monday	May 25, 2026	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Thursday	May 28, 2026	Last Day of School - Half-day Dismissal* Teacher Inservice

This calendar contains 7 emergency days. Any emergency days used in excess of the 7 will be made up during President's Day – February 16, 2026 and/or Monday, April 6, 2026 (Monday after Easter).

* Half-day Dismissal – High School and Middle School dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.; Highland Primary dismiss @ 11:45 a.m.; Elementary Building dismisses @ 11:50 a.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork dismiss @ 11:45 a.m.

** Early Dismissal – High School and Middle School dismiss @ 1:30 p.m.; Highland Primary dismiss @ 2:15 p.m.; Elementary dismiss @ 2:20 p.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork dismiss @ 2:15 p.m.

The regular school day schedule – High School: 7:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Middle School: 7:35 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Highland Primary: 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; Highland Elementary: 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork: 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

End of Nine Weeks Sessions

1st Nine Weeks – October 10, 2025 (42)

2nd Nine Weeks – December 19, 2025 (43)

3rd Nine Weeks – March 12, 2026 (46)

4th Nine Weeks – May 28, 2026 (43)

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