

Iowa-Missouri Conference Office of Education

2017- 2018 Education Calendar

This calendar contains 178 student-teacher contact days for 5-day schools, and 1,072.5 student-teacher contact hours for 4-day schools; 175 days/1050 hours are required. **This schedule allows three emergency days.** If you take additional emergency days, you will need to add days to your calendar.

First Quarter	232.5 /39 Student Contact Hours/Days
July 31	Report for duty
July 31-Aug. 2	Teachers' Convention - Kansas City
August 14	First day of classes
September 4	Labor Day - (no school)
September 17	NAD's Let's Move Day!
September 10-13	Outdoor School
September 25-29	Iowa Assessments testing
October 6	End of first quarter
Second Quarter	285 /47 Student Contact Hours/Days
October 9	Second nine weeks begins
October 16	Recommended Parent/Teacher Conference (scheduled locally)
November 22-26	Thanksgiving holiday
December 15	End of second quarter
December 18 - Jan. 1	Christmas break
Third Quarter	277.5 /47 Student Contact Hours/Days
January 2	Third nine weeks begins
January 15	MLK Day - (no school)
February 11-12	Teacher In-service - Columbia, MO (no school)
March 9	End of third quarter
March 12-18	Spring Break
March 23-25	Youth Rally/Academy Days
Fourth Quarter	277.5 /45 Student Contact Hours/Days
March 19	Fourth nine weeks begins
March 27	Recommended Parent/Teacher Conference (scheduled locally)
April 8 -11	Encounter Bible Training - Lincoln, NE
April 12-14	Music Festival - (two school days, Sabbath is not a school day)
May 23	End of fourth quarter
May 28	Memorial Day - Holiday
May 30	End of Year Reports due - Released from duty

A school day consists of a minimum of six hours for 5-day schools and a maximum of 8 hours for 4-day schools. These hours may include 30 minutes of PE and 30 minutes of recess. It does not include lunch period. Friday's schedule may be adjusted as long as the weekly schedule provides for 30 hours that follows these guidelines.

A school is allowed four (4) early dismissal days during the school year with a minimum of four or five hours of instructional time, this calendar already has two (2) early dismissal days leaving two more to be used if needed. **Early dismissal school days should consist of 4 hours for 5-day schools and 5 hours for 4-day schools. If 4-day schools take the early dismissal days, please understand that you will be short total hours and will need to develop a plan for additional hours in your calendar.**

This is the conference school calendar as voted by the Conference Board of Education and though it would be nice if all of the schools would follow the same calendar, sometimes this is not possible. **If you need to make changes to fit the needs of your local school, please submit those changes to the office by Aug 30. Make sure that the changes you make do not shorten the total amount of school days or hours that are required.** Also, remember that we are not to change the Union wide Spring Break vacation time so all our K-16 students will be able to vacation together.

Thank you for attempting to keep our conference as unified as possible with our educational programs, quality of education, as well as our calendars.

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