

Iowa-Missouri Conference Office of Education

2018–2019 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	4-day schools 247.5 Student Contact Hours	5-day schools 42 Student Contact Days
August 1 Aug. 6 - Aug. 9 August 15 September 3 September 16 September 10-12 September 24-28 October 12		Report for duty Teachers' Convention - Chicago, IL First day of classes Labor Day - (no school) NAD's Let's Move Day! Outdoor School Iowa Assessments testing End of first quarter
Second Quarter -		277.5 /45 Student Contact Hours/Days
October 15 October November 21-25 December 19 December 20 - Jan. 1		Second nine weeks begins Parent/Teacher Conference (scheduled locally) Thanksgiving holiday End of second quarter Christmas break
Third Quarter		270 /46 Student Contact Hours/Days
January 2 January 21 February 10 February 18 March 8 March 11-17 March		Third nine weeks begins MLK Day - (no school) Teacher In-service-IA Teachers-West Des Moines, IA MO Teachers - Columbia, MO President's Day (no school) End of third quarter Spring Break Youth Rally/Academy Days
Fourth Quarter		277.5 /45 Student Contact Hours/Days
March 18 March April 11-13 May 17 May 27 May 31		Fourth nine weeks begins Parent/Teacher Conference (scheduled locally) Music Festival - (counts for two school days, Sabbath is not a school day) End of fourth quarter Memorial Day - Holiday 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.

Schools have traditionally dismissed early before the two holiday breaks, spring break and the last day of school. Given the days between Christmas Break and Spring Break it would seem that early dismissal is unnecessary. If a school, by school board approval chooses to dismiss school earlier before breaks, please follow these guidelines:

- **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.

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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