

Iowa-Missouri Conference Office of Education

2023–2024 Education Calendar

This calendar contains **179** student-teacher contact days for 5-day schools, and **1,070** student-teacher contact hours for 4-day schools; 175 days/1050 hours are the minimum requirement. This schedule allows four emergency days for 5-day schools (20 hours for 4-day schools).

| First Quarter | 42 Days (5-day) | 247.5 hrs. (4-day) |
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| August 7 - 10 August 16 September 4 September 11-14 September 18-21 & September 25-28 October 3 October 13 | NAD Teachers' Convention – Phoenix, AZ First day of classes Labor Day – (no school) Outdoor School MAP Testing Minimum Day/Professional Development (2-4:30 pm) End of first quarter | |
| Second Quarter | 42 days (5-day) | 247.5 hrs. (4-day) |
| October 16 October 23 November 22 –26 November 29 December 15 December 18 – Jan. 1 | Second quarter begins Parent/Teacher Conferences (minimum day) Thanksgiving Break Minimum Day/Professional Development (2-4:30 pm) End of second quarter Christmas Break | |
| Third Quarter | 47 days (5-day) | 275 hrs. (4-day) |
| January 2 January 15 January 22-26 & January 29-Feb. 2 February 6 February 19 March 8 March 11-15 | Third quarter begins MLK Day – (no school) MAP Testing Minimum Day/Professional Development (2-4:30 pm) President's Day (no school) End of third quarter Spring Break | |
| Fourth Quarter | 48 days (5-day) | 297.5 hrs. (4-day) |
| March 18 March 25 April 4-6 April 25-28 April 22-26 & April 29 – May3 May 22 May 27 May 31 | Fourth quarter begins Parent/Teacher Conference (minimum day) Music Festival – (counts for two school days) Jr. High Camp MAP Testing End of fourth quarter Memorial Day – Holiday End of Year Reports due - Released from duty | |

School Day Requirements

The Mid-America Education Code* specifies that the minimum number of school days in the school year shall be 180 (1080 hours per year) or more if state law requires, 175 (1050 hours per year) of which must be teacher-student instructional days. **A school shall request approval through the conference board of education to base teacher-student instruction time on hours per year.** Fewer hours may be required for grades K-2 as listed below. There shall be no more than five days of school in any given calendar week. The elementary school calendar shall be approved by the local school board and the conference board of education

Weekly Instructional Time

Grades 3-8 require at least 30 hours instructional time per week. Kindergarten through 2nd grade require at least 20 hours. The maximum length of a school day is 8 hours (7.5 instructional hours). The Friday schedule may be adjusted if the weekly time requirements are met. These hours may include 30 minutes of PE and 30 minutes of recess per day. The lunch period must be at least 30 minutes and is not counted as student-teacher contact hours.

Minimum Days (Early Dismissal Days)

On minimum days, or early-dismissal days, the following guidelines should be met:

- Minimum school days should consist of 4 hours of teacher-student instruction time
- Minimum school days hours should be reflected in the quarterly hour report
- Scheduled minimum days must receive prior approval from the Conference Superintendent

Calendar Changes

This is the conference school calendar as voted by the Conference Board of Education. Any deviations from this calendar require approval from the local school board and must be submitted to the Conference Office by May 31 of the preceding school year. Please consider all of the above requirements when making any changes to your calendar.

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

Melissa Morris
Educational Superintendent