

Iowa-Missouri Conference Office of Education

2024–2025 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	
July 30 – August 1 August 14 September 2 September 16-19 September 16-20 & September 23-27 September 26* October 11	Teachers’ Convention – West Des Moines, IA First day of classes Labor Day – (no school) Outdoor School MAP Testing Professional Development (3-5:30 pm) End of first quarter
Second Quarter	
October 14 October 24* October 28* November 27-29 December 20 December 23 – Jan. 5	Second quarter begins Professional Development (3-5:30 pm) Parent/Teacher Conferences Thanksgiving Break End of second quarter Christmas Break
Third Quarter	
January 6 January 20 January 27-31 & February 3-7 February 17 February 27* March 7 March 10-14	Third quarter begins MLK Day – (no school) MAP Testing President’s Day (no school) Professional Development (3-5:30 pm) End of third quarter Spring Break
Fourth Quarter	
March 17 March 24* April 3-5 April 21-25 & April 28-May 2 April 25 - 27 May 22 May 26 May 28	Fourth quarter begins Parent/Teacher Conference (minimum day) Music Festival – (counts for two school days) MAP Testing Jr. High Bible Camp End of fourth quarter Memorial Day – Holiday End of Year Reports due - Released from duty

*denotes a minimum day, see page 2 for requirements.

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

Professional Development

Professional Development days are an important time for our teachers and administrators to come together for continuing education purposes. For this reason, it is recommended that schools dismiss early for these meetings, as teachers cannot supervise a classroom during this time. If substitute teachers are used, the schools will need to cover the cost of this expense.

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 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.

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Educational Superintendent