



**POLK COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
STUDENTS FIRST

**TENTATIVE 2026-2027 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR
FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARAEUCATORS**

Dates are subject to change.

October 22, 2024 School Board Approval

Revised Presented for February 24, 2026 School Board Approval

Events	Dates
No unpaid training/workdays may be scheduled before August 3, 2026. Teacher Staff Development Days – August 3 (morning), August 4 (morning), August 7 (District Contact Day), and August 10 (morning), Teacher Workdays (Planning Time) – August 3 (afternoon), August 4 (afternoon), August 5, August 6, and August 10 (afternoon)	Monday, August 3 – Monday, August 10, 2026
STUDENT ORIENTATION – MIDDLE, K-8 TH AND HIGH SCHOOLS	Wednesday, August 5, 2026
STUDENT ORIENTATION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Paraeducator First Workday (186-Day Contract)	Friday, August 7, 2026
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 1 of 10 (Teacher Planning)	Friday, September 4, 2026
HOLIDAY (Labor Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, September 7, 2026
First Interim Report (23 rd Day – September 11, 2026)	Distribute Week of September 8 – 11, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 2 of 10 (Staff Development)	Friday, October 2, 2026
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Attendance Window	September 25 – October 9, 2026
FTE Student Survey Week	October 5 – October 9, 2026
End of First 9-Week Grading Period (46 Days)	Thursday, October 15, 2026
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development (Morning)/Teacher Planning Time (Afternoon)	Friday, October 16, 2026
Grades Due/Begin Second Quarter	Monday, October 19, 2026
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Monday, October 26, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 3 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)	Friday, October 30, 2026
HOLIDAY (Veterans Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Second Interim Report (23 rd Day – November 19, 2026)	Distribute Week of November 16 – 20, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 4 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)	Friday, November 20, 2026
FALL BREAK – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator (Paid 11/26 and 11/27)	Monday – Friday, November 23 – 27, 2026
Storm Make-Up Days as Needed	Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 23 and 24, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 5 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)/ END OF FIRST SEMESTER (86 Days)/ End of Second Grading Period and Last School Day before Winter Break	Friday, December 18, 2026
WINTER BREAK BEGINS- (Teacher Paid Holiday 12/25)	Monday, December 21, 2026
HOLIDAY (New Year's Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Friday, January 1, 2027
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Workday	Monday, January 4, 2027
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Staff Development Day/ Grades Due (Second Grading Period)/Storm Make-Up Day as needed	Tuesday, January 5, 2027
STUDENTS RETURN AFTER WINTER BREAK/Begin Third Quarter/Paraeducators Return To Work	Wednesday, January 6, 2027



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Events	Dates
Distribute Report Cards (Second Grading Period)	Tuesday, January 12, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 6 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)	Friday, January 15, 2027
HOLIDAY (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator	Monday, January 18, 2027
FTE Attendance Window	Friday, January 22 – Friday, February 5, 2027
FTE Student Survey Week	Monday-Friday, February 1 – 5, 2027
Third Interim Report (23 rd Day – February 8, 2027)	Distribute Week of February 8 – 12, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 7 of 10 (Teacher Staff Development)	Friday, February 12, 2027
HOLIDAY (Presidents' Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, February 15, 2027
End of Third 9-Weeks Grading Period (45 days)	Thursday, March 11, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 8 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)	Friday, March 12, 2027
SPRING BREAK WEEK – NO SCHOOL	Monday-Friday, March 15 – 19, 2027
Grades Due (Third 9 Weeks)	Monday, March 22, 2027
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Teachers and Paraeducators	Friday, March 26, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Third Grading Period)	Monday, March 30, 2027
Fourth Interim Report (23 rd Day – April 22, 2027)	Distribute Week of April 19 – 23, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 9 of 10 (Teacher Planning Time)	Friday, April 23, 2027
GRADUATION CEREMONIES	May 1 – May 27, 2027
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES DUE (172 nd Student Day)	Monday, May 17, 2027
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL END OF SECOND SEMESTER (94 Days)/Distribute Elementary Report Cards/ Last Work Day for Paraeducators (186-Day Contract)/ Storm Make-Up Day as Needed	Thursday, May 27, 2027
Last Teacher Work Day (196-Day Contract)/Secondary School Grades Due	Friday, May 28, 2027

Storm Make-Up Days: 11/23/26, 11/24/26, 1/5/27 and 5/27/27 (Last Student Day).

Reminder: Non-Refundable Travel Tickets Should Not Be Purchased in the Event that Storm Make-Up Days Are Used as Student Attendance Days and/or Teacher Work Days.

Student Early Dismissal Dates (10)

Students are dismissed from school 150 minutes (2.5 hours) early on each of these days:

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| Friday, September 4, 2026 | Friday, January 15, 2027 |
| Friday, October 2, 2026* | Friday, February 12, 2027* |
| Friday, October 30, 2026 | Friday, March 12, 2027 |
| Friday, November 20, 2026 | Friday, April 23, 2027 |
| Friday, December 18, 2026 | Friday, May 27, 2027 |

*Designated for Teacher Staff Development

Information regarding Student Testing/Assessment dates (FL Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments, etc.) is available through the Assessment, Accountability & Evaluation Office and on the District's website at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment>.