

Metacomet Elementary School

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AUGUST 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family are well at this time and looking forward to the start of our school year. We are looking forward to having your child start school at Metacomet Elementary School! School starts on Thursday, August 27, 2026 from 8:25 am to 3:25 pm. I wanted to send this letter out early so that you will know our expectations for your child before school begins. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 860-769-6796 or email me at pguzzo@blmfld.org. A separate notice will be sent via mail containing your child's teacher's name and the bus tag for the first day of school as we approach the start of the school year. If you would like more information about our school, please go to the following link: <https://aptg.co/dlqKv4> to see our Metacomet Parent Handbook. This letter will also be found in your email.

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT 6:00 pm

Our Open House Night is Tuesday, August 25, 2026 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Come meet your child's teacher and hear what your child will be learning this school year.

ACADEMICS:

We have a lot of work to do both academically and socially this school year to get our students ready for learning. We are implementing the same reading (Open Court) and math (Bridges/Number Corners) programs that Laurel has used with your child. Our teachers will continue to work on embedding social and culturally relevant lessons for our students.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Students may arrive at **8:25 am**. Please do not drop off your children earlier than 8:25 am- we do not have anyone to watch them. If you need to get to work earlier, you may enroll your child in the Extension Program for a fee (the hours begin at 7:00 am). Please call 860-769-4225 if you are interested. The school day ends at **3:25 pm** for students. If you are interested in afterschool care, we do have our Extension Program. Students will be bussed over to Laurel Elementary School starting at 3:30 pm. The Extension Program is open till 6:00 pm.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL:

If your child wants our free breakfast, he/she may pick up a breakfast bag from the cafeteria and go to class and eat. Half of our students will go to the gym and wait for their teacher to pick them up at 8:45 am. The other half of our students will walk to their classrooms and wait in the hall (next to their classroom) till 8:45 am and then be allowed into the room to eat their breakfast and begin their day.

DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL:

Parents who come to pick students up from school are encouraged to pick up at 3:25 pm. All students who are "Picked Up" will report to the cafeteria. Parents must drive up to the cafeteria door, stay in the car and a staff member will have your child brought to you. You must remember to bring a picture ID and give your name. If you are having another person pick up your child, you must include their name on the emergency cards which are enclosed with this letter. No one will be permitted to pick up your child unless their name is included on the emergency card.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

Note: Beginning this year, uniforms are no longer required. However, please dress your student appropriately;

Tops: Shirts must cover the midriff, chest, torso, and undergarments entirely, avoiding low-cut styles or narrow straps. Avoid disruptive graphics, symbols, etc.

Bottoms: Pants, shorts, and skirts must fit at the waistline without sagging and meet required length (such as reaching past the fingertips or mid-thigh).

Footwear: Closed-toe shoes or sturdy boots are typically required for safety and everyday mobility. Please no Crocs or open-toes flats, sandals, wedges.

Technology is a big part of our lives with **cell phones and digital watches**. We do not allow cell phones or digital (SMART)watches in our school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Please do not go out and purchase lots of school supplies. Your child's teacher will let you know whether additional supplies are needed during the first week of school. Items that you may consider purchasing are:

A backpack

A lunchbox

Pencils, markers, crayons, erasers (for use at home)

Class Lists:

We know you are anxious to know who your child's teacher will be and who will be in his/her class. Please see the attached list in this packet. We have spent a great deal of time creating these lists. We do not take requests for specific teachers but if your child must be away from another child or you would like to speak to me about your child's learning needs, you may give me a call.

SNACKS AND PARTIES

- Due to the allergies of many of our students, we will not allow outside food to be shared with our students. This includes cupcakes, cake, cookies, and any other food for parties. Please contact your child's teacher for alternate ways to celebrate your child's birthday.
- Please have your child bring in a healthy snack each day (pretzels, fruit, yogurt, granola bars...).
- All of our classrooms are nut-free areas.
- Students may drink only water in the classrooms. Students may drink juice during lunch in the cafeteria
- Gum, soda, sugar drinks, cups with drinks, candy and glass bottles are not allowed in our school

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR SCHOOL DAY

The school day will begin with a **Morning Meeting** in each classroom. In the Morning Meeting, students will greet one another, have a chance to share something about themselves, work together as a team on a group activity and understand the expectations for the day. Below are three reasons why we will hold Morning Meetings each day:

1. It builds a community by helping students feel a sense of significance, belonging and engagement
2. It will give students daily practice in the social skills needed for academic learning throughout the day
3. It will create a climate of trust and respect which enables children to feel safe enough to take the risks necessary for learning

Our literacy program is called **“Open Court”**. All of our lessons are divided into three parts:

1. PART 1: **Foundational Skills** focus on phonics and decoding as well as word analysis
2. PART 2: **Reading and Responding** addresses comprehension, vocabulary, fluency and inquiry
3. PART 3: **Language Arts** contains the writing process, penmanship, grammar (usage and the mechanics) and spelling

Our students will have **Science** lessons this school year using our “hands-on” **“Open SciEd”** Kits.

- Grade 3 will study: Forces and Interactions
- Grade 4 will study: Energy Transfer: Collisions
- Grade 5 will study: Ecosystems and Matter Cycling

In mathematics, we are using **“Bridges in Mathematics”**, a Kindergarten through Grade 5 program that will help us meet the new standards and make math meaningful and exciting.

In Grade Three, students will:

- Multiply numbers from 0-10 with fluency
- Multiply with numbers greater than 10
- Add and subtract with numbers up to 1000
- Work with fractions (fractions with a 1 in the numerator like $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$) to add and subtract fractions
- Explore division

In Grade Four students will:

- Find factors and multiples of different numbers
- Compare fractions and break fractions into smaller parts
- Compare decimal numbers and find decimal and fraction equivalents
- Develop efficient strategies for multiplying and dividing multi-digit numbers
- Calculate area and work with volume

In Grade Five students will:

- Add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators
- Add and subtract decimals
- Multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals
- Multiply and divide whole numbers by fractions
- Graph and study polygons

Our families are our greatest resource and we thank you for all your support. If there is anything that concerns you, please give me a call at the school.

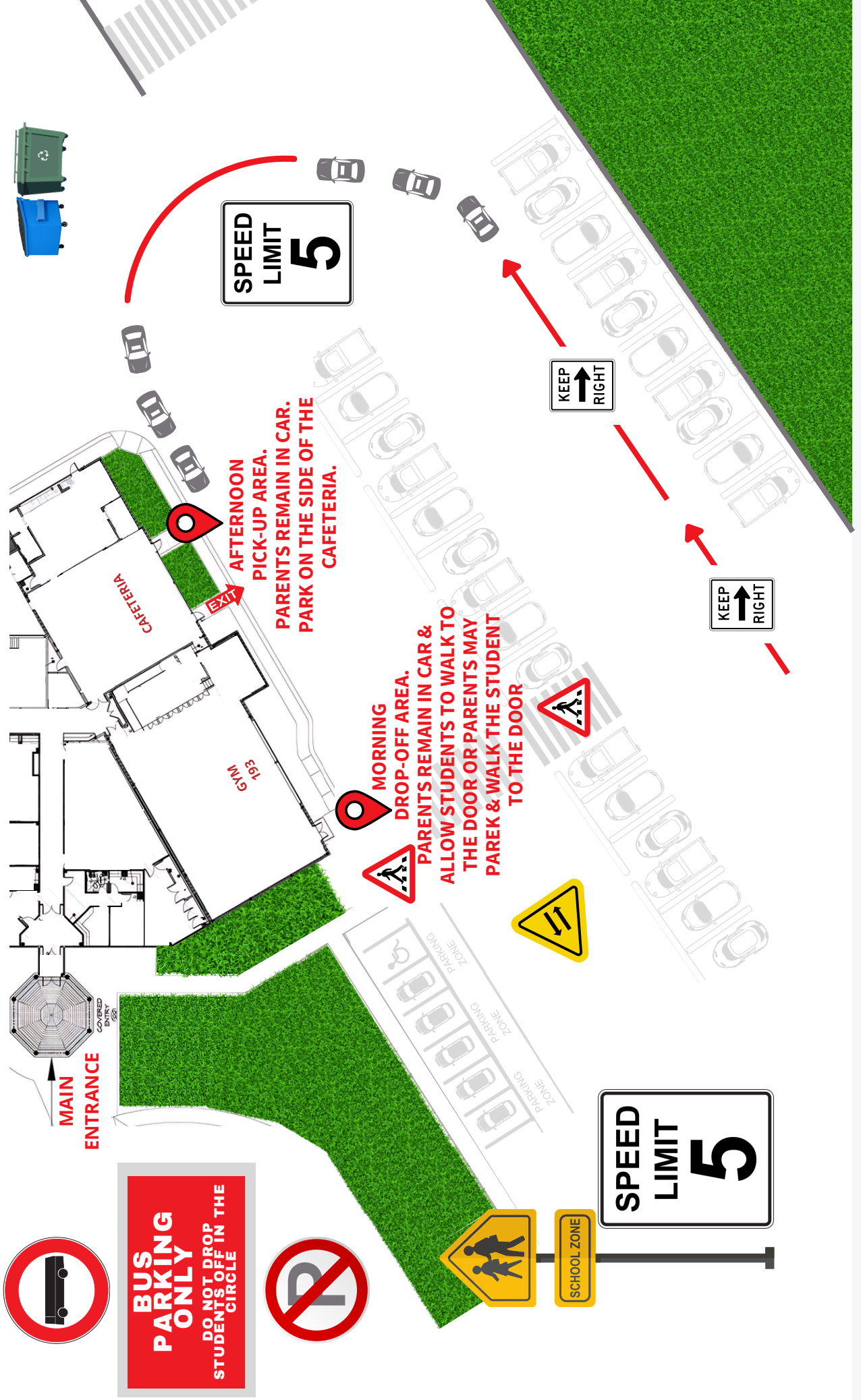
It is my honor to work in Bloomfield! The families, students and staff here are amazing. We would like to get the families together and meet other families in our school. We have scheduled a Chuck E. Cheese Night on Thursday, September 3 from 4:00-8:00 pm at 82 Buckland Street in Manchester, CT. I hope you can attend. I look forward to meeting you during our Open House on Tuesday, August 25 and at our first PTO Meeting- Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Guzzo
Principal of Metacomet Elementary School



STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP





Welcome Reminders



OPEN HOUSE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

DRESS CODE

TOPS Shirts must cover the midriff, chest, torso, and undergarments entirely, avoiding low-cut styles or narrow straps. Avoid disruptive graphics, symbols, etc.

SWEATERS

Zipped or crewneck, no hooded sweaters with drawstrings or cords.

BOTTOMS

Pants, shorts, and skirts must fit at the waistline without sagging and meet required length (such as reaching past the fingertips or mid-thigh).

FOOTWEAR

Closed-toe shoes, sneakers, or sturdy boots. Shoes should be comfortable and safe for everyday mobility. Please no Crocs or open-toes flats, sandals, flip-flops, or wedges.

ILLNESS

Students experiencing symptoms such as cough, cold, fever, or diarrhea should remain home for at least 24 hours. When your child is out sick contact Nurse Labrie at 860-286-2660 or rlabrie@bloomfieldschools.org if you have any questions or concerns.

PARENT/GUARDIAN IDENTIFICATION

For the safety of our students and staff, all parents/guardians must be prepared to show identification upon arrival at Metacomet School. Any adult over the age of 18 may pick up a student as long as it has been communicated with the teacher and/or office personnel. Any individual picking up a student must present identification and students will only be released to emergency contacts.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided based on the address recorded in PowerSchool. If your child requires transportation to a before/after care address within Bloomfield, please call 860-286-2660 or email Mrs. LaPlante at eacevedo@bloomfieldpublicschools.org or Ms. Fairley at jfairley@bloomfieldschools.org to submit your request.

DISMISSAL

Please call the Main Office before 2:00 PM to inform us if your child will be picked up by a parent/guardian any time before 3:00 PM. The office tends to get very busy after 2:30 PM. It is a challenge trying to locate students during dismissal time.

DROP OFF Children are not allowed on school grounds until 8:25 AM. Please drop students off between 8:25 to 8:45 AM.

Do not use the bus circle for drop offs. Walk your child to our front door from the parking lot. We want all students to arrive to our school safe. Staff supervision starts at 8:25 AM. Instruction begins at 8:45 AM and late arrival begins at 9:00 AM. Late students require a hall pass.

PICK UP Student pick-up begins at 3:25 PM and students are dismissed from the Cafeteria.

If you are picking up your child at 3:25 pm, please drive up to the cafeteria door and stay in your car. Parents are required to provide a written note or contact the student's teacher via email or call the Main Office to report an early dismissal before 2:00 PM.

BUSERS Students taking the bus home or to aftercare will exit from the end of the Grade 3 hallway and proceed to the bus circle.

We will NOT allow students to ride a different bus than the one scheduled for him/her. There MUST be an adult at the bus stop monitoring your child in the mornings and afternoons. If no adult is present, the bus driver will bring your child back to Metacomet School.

RESIDENCY

If you have recently moved within the town of Bloomfield you must update the address by providing the school office with a new lease, deed, or mortgage statement and TWO utility service letters or bills. Documents may be faxed to 860-769-5296 or emailed to eacevedo@bloomfieldschools.org.

SUPPLIES Your child's teacher will inform you if any supplies are necessary or suggested. Students should bring a backpack, a pre-filled water bottle, and a lunchbox to school. If they desire a home lunch, please pack in a lunch box.

SUGGESTED FOR HOME USE: Pencils, notebook, crayons, colored pencils, glue stick, ruler.

**Extension Program
Before/Aftercare
(Fee-based)**

Phone: 860-306-1445

Tamika Lipscomb at
tlipscomb@blmfld.org

Metacomet Main Office

Phone: 860-286-2660

Fax: 860-769-5296

Mr. Guzzo: pguzzo@blmfld.org

Mrs. LaPlante: eacevedo@blmfld.org

Ms. Fairley: jfairley@blmfld.org

Nurse Labrie: rlabrie@blmfld.org

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Transportation

Phone: 860-709-9454

**DON'T
FORGET!**

Visit our school's website <https://mes.bloomfieldschools.org/o/metacometelm> &
Download the Bloomfield Public Schools, CT app.

METACOMET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE

EVENTS



**AUG
24**

Convocation & Professional Development

Bloomfield Board of Education welcomes all district staff, celebrate achievements, and provide inspiration for the 2026-2027 school year!

**AUG
25**

Open House

Meet Principal Guzzo to review class norms, routines, academic expectations, and tour our school. You will have a chance to meet teachers and visit classrooms. Meeting begins at 6:00-7:00 PM

Staff Professional Development

Workshops, activities, and collaborations for staff to focus on improving classroom practices, teaching, safety, and student outcomes.

**AUG
26**

Staff Professional Development

Meet Principal Guzzo to review class norms, routines, academic expectations, and tour our school. You will have a chance to meet teachers and visit classrooms. Meeting begins at 6:00-7:00 PM

**AUG
27**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Welcome to all Metacomet new and returning students & families!

**SEPT
03**

Chuck E. Cheese School Fundraiser

Gather your entire crew and head over to Chuck E. Cheese in Manchester, CT. 20% of sales will be donated to Metacomet School from 4:00-8:00 PM. Fundraisers help support our school activities and events!

**SEPT
07**

Holiday: Labor Day

Schools and offices will be closed. Enjoy the holiday!

**SEPT
16**

PD: Early dismissal PreK-12

Dismissal begins at 1:25 PM. If needed, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements for your child.

**SEPT
24**

PTO Meeting

Join us to discuss upcoming events and more. Meeting is from 6:00-7:00 PM.

**SEPT
30**

PD: Early dismissal PreK-12

Dismissal begins at 1:25 PM. If needed, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements for your child.

Welcome

METACOMET

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

School Open House

185 School Street

25

TUESDAY

August
6-7:00 PM

PARENTS PLEASE DONATE AT OPEN HOUSE!



- Backpacks
- Sneakers
- Snacks (goldfish, popcorn, pretzels)
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer



First Day of School

We are excited for a new school year!

27

THURSDAY

August
8:25-3:25 PM



JOIN US FOR OUR **FÜNdraising** EVENT at **CHUCK E. CHEESE®** Turning Fun into Funds™

**WE'LL
EARN
UP TO 25%**

back from all sales generated from
food & gameplay at our event!
Including dine-in and carryout orders
when our organization is mentioned.

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE®**

TIME: **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

ORGANIZATION: **METACOMET**

EVENT DATE: **THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**

EVENT ADDRESS:
**82 BUCKLAND ST
MANCHESTER, CT**

To find out more, check out chuckecheese.com

CHUCK E. CHEESE®

FR Panel #8337

BUY 1, GET 1 FREE*
ADVENTURE ZONE ADMISSION

EXPIRES 12/31/26

*Coupon type 3B. May not be combined with Membership or Fun Pass redeemables or discounts. At participating Chuck E. Cheese locations. Redeemable on the night of hosted fundraiser event. Limit 1 per guest. Coupon must be surrendered at the time of redemption. Height restrictions apply. Subject to change. ©2026 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved.

CHUCK E. CHEESE®

FR Panel #8166

120
PLAY POINTS | **for \$30**

EXPIRES 12/31/26

Coupon type 1B. Redeemable in-store only at your Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser event. Limit 1 per transaction. Valid at participating locations. Play Pass card or band activation required and is not included. May not be combined with any other coupon, promotion or discount. May not be combined with Membership or Fun Pass redeemables or discounts. Play Pass terms apply. ©2026 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved.

CHUCK E. CHEESE®

FR Panel #5996

\$29.99 | **1 Large 1-Topping Pizza
& 4 Regular Fountain
Drinks**

EXPIRES 12/31/26

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*Donation amount depends upon total sales at Event. Event sales must be at least \$250.00 to be eligible for a donation. At participating locations only. Must book your fundraiser event at least 3 weeks in advance. Sales include all game play, food, drinks and merchandise purchased at the registers the night of your reserved fundraiser when your school or organization is mentioned upon ordering. Delivery & Carryout Orders placed directly at chuckecheese.com also apply when you add the item "School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out. ©2026 CEC Entertainment Concepts, L.P. All rights reserved. CEC-26-0148

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2026-2027 CALENDAR



DAYS: 0

3 Independence Day
observed: offices
closed

JULY '26						
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DAYS: 19

01 New Year's Day: schools
& offices closed
13 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
18 M.L. King Day: schools &
offices closed
27 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

DAYS: 3

24 Convocation
25-26 Staff PD
27 First Day of School

**PD = Professional
Development

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DAYS: 18

15 Presidents' Day:
schools & offices
closed
16 Teacher PD: **schools
closed**

DAYS: 21

07 Labor Day: schools &
offices closed
16 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
30 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

SEPTEMBER '26						
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DAYS: 22

10 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
23-25 Parent Conferences:
early dismissal PreK-12
26 Good Friday: offices
closed

DAYS: 20

12 Indigenous Peoples'
Day: schools & offices
closed
13 Teacher PD: **schools
closed**
28-30 Parent Conferences:
early dismissal PreK-12

OCTOBER '26						
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DAYS: 17

12-16 Spring Recess: **schools
closed**
28 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

DAYS: 16

03 Election Day: **schools
closed**
11 Veterans Day: **schools
closed**
25-27 Thanksgiving Recess:
schools & offices
closed

NOVEMBER '26						
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DAYS: 20

12 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
31 Memorial Day:
schools & offices
closed

DAYS: 16

09 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
23-31 Holiday Recess:
schools closed
24-25 Christmas Eve &
Christmas: offices
closed

DECEMBER '26						
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JUNE '27

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DAYS: 8

01 Teacher PD: **schools
closed**
11 Projected last day of
school: early dismissal
PreK-12
18 Juneteenth observed:
offices closed

Legend:



Schools closed



First or last day of school



Early dismissal (conferences or PD)



Professional Development (schools closed)



Schools and Offices closed

Approved: February 17, 2026