

# Highland Community Unit School District #5

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## 2026-2027 Calendar

14 days

August 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

21 days

September 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	3	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### August

- 10-11 Teacher Institute (No School)
- 12 First Day of School for Students

### September

- 7 Labor Day (No School)
- 16 Early Dismissal

18 days

October 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

17 days

November 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### October

- 2 Teacher Workday (1/2 day)
- 8 End of 1st Quarter (41 Days)
- 9 Teacher Institute (No School)
- 12 Columbus Day (No School)
- 28 Early Dismissal
- 29 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) 11a-8p
- 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School) 8a-2p

14 days

December 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

18 days

January 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### November

- 11 Veterans Day (No School)
- 18 Early Dismissal
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

### December

- 4 Teacher Workday (1/2 day)
- 18 End 2nd Quarter (Early Dismissal) (43 days)
- 21-31 Winter Break (No School)

19 days

February 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

20 days

March 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### January

- 1 Winter Break (No School)
- 4 Teacher Institute (No School)
- 5 First Day 2nd Semester for Students
- 13 Early Dismissal
- 18 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)

### February

- 12 Teacher Workday (1/2 day)
- 15 President's Day (No School)
- 24 Early Dismissal

22 days

April 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

11 days

May 2027						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### March

- 12 End 3rd Quarter (47 days)
- Teacher Workday (1/2 day)
- 24 Early Dismissal
- 25-29 Spring Break (No School)
- 30 Return to Classes

### April

- 14 Early Dismissal

### May

- 7 Teacher Workday (1/2 day)
- 14 High School Graduation 7:30pm
- 17 End 4th Quarter
- Teacher Workday (1/2 day) (43 days)
- 18-26 Emergency Days

Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)

Teacher Workday (1/2 day)

No School

Parent/Teacher Conference

End of Quarter

Emergency Days

Early Dismissal

# HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

Serving the Communities of Alhambra, Grantfork, Highland, New Douglas, and Pierron

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## 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday	August 10, 2026	Teacher Institute
Tuesday	August 11, 2026	Teacher Institute
Wednesday	August 12, 2026	First Day of School
Monday	September 7, 2026	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	September 16, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Friday	October 2, 2026	Teacher Workday – Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	October 9, 2026	Madison Co. Institute Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday	October 12, 2026	Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	October 28, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Thursday	October 29, 2026	Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – PreK-12
Friday	October 30, 2026	Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – PreK-12
Wednesday	November 11, 2026	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	November 18, 2026	Early Dismissal**
Tuesday	November 24, 2026	Last Day before Thanksgiving Holidays
Wednesday-Friday	November 25-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Holidays – NO SCHOOL
Friday	December 4, 2026	Teacher Workday – Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	December 18, 2026	Last Day before Winter Holidays – Early Dismissal**
Monday-Friday	Dec. 21, 2025–Jan. 1, 2027	Winter Holidays – NO SCHOOL
Monday	January 4, 2027	Teacher Institute – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January 5, 2027	Return to Classes
Wednesday	January 13, 2027	Early Dismissal**
Monday	January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday	February 12, 2027	Teacher Inservice – Half-day Dismissal*
Monday	February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	February 24, 2027	Early Dismissal**
Friday	March 12, 2027	Teacher Inservice – Half-day Dismissal*
Wednesday	March 24, 2027	Early Dismissal**
Thursday-Monday	March 25-29, 2027	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	March 30, 2027	Return to Classes
Wednesday	April 14, 2027	Early Dismissal**
Friday	May 7, 2027	Teacher Inservice - Half-day Dismissal*
Friday	May 14, 2027	HHS Graduation – 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
Wednesday	May 26, 2027	Last Day of School - Half-day Dismissal* Teacher Inservice

(If all 7 Emergency days are used, the last day will be May 26, 2027. If **NO** snow days are used the last day will be May 17, 2027) **This calendar contains 7 emergency days.** Any emergency days used in excess of the 7 will be made up during President's Day – February 15, 2027 and/or Monday, March 29, 2027 (Monday after Easter).

\* Half-day Dismissal – High School and Middle School dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.; Highland Primary dismiss @ 11:45 a.m.; Elementary Building dismisses @ 11:50 a.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork dismiss @ 11:45 a.m.

\*\* Early Dismissal – High School and Middle School dismiss @ 1:30 p.m.; Highland Primary dismiss @ 2:15 p.m.; Elementary dismiss @ 2:20 p.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork dismiss @ 2:15 p.m.

**The regular school day schedule – High School: 7:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Middle School: 7:35 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Highland Primary: 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.; Highland Elementary: 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.; and Alhambra & Grantfork: 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

### End of Nine Weeks Sessions

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks – October 8, 2026 (41)

3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks – March 12, 2027 (47)

2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks – December 18, 2026 (43)

4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks – June 3, 2027 (43)

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