



**2025-2026 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR FOR
STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARAEDUCATORS**

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Board of Trustees Approval April 21, 2025

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STUDENT ORIENTATION – MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS	Tuesday, August 5, 2025																		
STUDENT ORIENTATION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS/ Paraeducator First Work Day (186-Day Contract)	Thursday, August 7, 2025																		
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Monday, August 11, 2025																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 1 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, August 29, 2025																		
HOLIDAY (Labor Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, September 1, 2025																		
First Interim Report (23rd Day – September 11, 2025)	Distribute Week of September 8 – 12, 2025																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 2 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, September 26, 2025																		
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Enrollment Attendance Window	September 26 – October 10, 2025																		
FTE Student Enrollment Survey Week	October 6 – October 10, 2025																		
End of First 9-Week Grading Period (44 Days)	Friday, October 10, 2025																		
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Work/Staff Development Day	Monday, October 13, 2025																		
Grades Due/Begin Second Quarter	Tuesday, October 14, 2025																		
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, October 21, 2025																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 3 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, October 31, 2025																		
HOLIDAY (Veterans Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Tuesday, November 11, 2025																		
Second Interim Report (23rd Day – November 14, 2025)	Distribute Week of November 10 – 14, 2025																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 4 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, November 21, 2025																		
FALL BREAK – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator (Paid 11/27 and 11/28)	Monday – Friday, November 24 – 28, 2025																		
Storm Make-Up Days as Needed	Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25, 2025																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 5 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day) END OF FIRST SEMESTER (87 Days)/End of Second Grading Period/ LAST SCHOOL DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK	Friday, December 19, 2025																		
WINTER BREAK BEGINS	Monday, December 22, 2025																		
HOLIDAY (New Year’s Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Thursday, January 1, 2026																		
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Teacher and Paraeducator	Friday, January 2, 2026																		
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paras(Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Monday, January 5, 2026																		
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paras(Teacher Work/Staff Development Day) Grades Due (Second Grading Period)/Storm Make-Up Day as needed	Tuesday, January 6, 2026																		
STUDENTS RETURN AFTER WINTER BREAK/Begin Third Quarter/Paraeducators Return To Work	Wednesday, January 7, 2026																		
Distribute Report Cards (Second Grading Period)	Tuesday, January 13, 2026																		
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 6 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, January 16, 2026																		



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HOLIDAY (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator	Monday, January 19, 2026
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Enrollment Attendance Window	January 23 – February 6, 2026
FTE Student Enrollment Survey Week	February 2 – 6, 2026
Third Interim Report (23rd Day – February 9, 2026)	Distribute Week of February 9 – 13, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 7 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, February 13, 2026
HOLIDAY (Presidents’ Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid), Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, February 16, 2026
End of Third 9-Week Grading Period (45 Days)	Thursday, March 12, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 8 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, March 13, 2026
SPRING BREAK WEEK – NO SCHOOL	Monday-Friday, March 16 – 20, 2026
Grades Due (Third 9 Weeks)	Monday, March 23, 2026
Distribute Report Cards (Third 9 Weeks)	Monday, March 30, 2026
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Teachers and Paraeducators	Friday, April 3, 2026
Fourth Interim Report (23rd Day – April 22, 2026)	Distribute Week of April 20 – 24, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 9 of 10 (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day)	Friday, April 24, 2026
GRADUATION CEREMONY - LAKE WALES HIGH SCHOOL	May 22, 2026
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES DUE (172nd Student Day)	Friday, May 15, 2026
HOLIDAY (Memorial Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Monday, May 25, 2026
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL (Teacher Work/Staff Development Day) END OF SECOND SEMESTER (93 Days)/ Distribute Elementary Report Cards/ Last Work Day for Paraeducators (186-Day Contract)/ Storm Make-Up Day as Needed	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Last Teacher Work Day (196-Day Contract)/Secondary School Grades Due	Friday, May 29, 2026

Storm Make-Up Days: 11/24/25, 11/25/25, 1/6/26 and 5/28/26 (Last Student Attendance 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, August 29, 2025 | Friday, January 16, 2026 |
| Friday, September 26, 2025 | Friday, February 13, 2026 |
| Friday, October 31, 2025 | Friday, March 13, 2026 |
| Friday, November 21, 2025 | Friday, April 24, 2026 |
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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 Sponsor District’s website at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment>.