

CPS 2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST

26-27 New Staff Orientation
31 No School Staff Orientation

AUGUST 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						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					

SEPTEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		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			

SEPTEMBER

1 Grades 1 – 9 ONLY
Kindergarten Orientation
2 All Students
4 No School
7 No School
23 Half Day (Professional Day)

SEPTEMBER Student Days: 20

OCTOBER

12 No School (Columbus Day)
22 Half Day (Professional Day)

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

OCTOBER Student Days: 21

NOVEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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					

NOVEMBER

3 No School (Full Prof. Day)
11 No School (Veteran's Day)
18 Half Day ELEM. & MS ONLY
25 Early Release (Thanksgiving Recess)
26 No School (Thanksgiving)
27 No School

NOVEMBER Student Days: 17

DECEMBER

10 Half Day (Professional Day)
24 December Recess

DECEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		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		

DECEMBER Student Days: 17

JANUARY 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					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

4 School Re-opens
12 Half Day (Professional Day)
18 No School (Martin Luther King Day)

JANUARY Student Days: 19

FEBRUARY

4 Half-Day (Professional Day)
15 February Recess
22 School Re-opens

FEBRUARY 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	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						

FEBRUARY Student Days: 15

MARCH 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	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

10 Half Day (Professional Day)

MARCH Student Days: 23

APRIL

6 Half-Day (Professional Day)
19 April Recess
26 School Re-opens

APRIL 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				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	

APRIL Student Days: 17

MAY 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						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					

MAY

31 No School (Memorial Day)

MAY Student Days: 20

JUNE

18 No School (Juneteenth)
24 Last Day for Students (Half Day)
25 Last Day for Staff (Half Day)

JUNE 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		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			

JUNE Student Days: 17

Total Student Days: 186

Additional Staff Days: 2.5
(Total Includes Six Provisional Snow Days)

Professional Development

Last day Students June 24
Last day Staff June 25

Major Religious & Cultural Holidays

Rosh Hashanah*	September 11- 13, 2026
Yom Kippur*	September 20 - 21, 2026
Sukkot*	September 25, 2026 – Oct. 2, 2026
Diwali	November 8, 2026
Chanukah*	December 4, 2026 – Dec. 12, 2026
Christmas	December 25, 2026
Kwanzaa	December 26, 2026 -Jan. 1, 2027
Chinese New Year	February 6, 2027
Ramadan	February 7 – March 8, 2027
Eid al-Fitr	March 9 - 10, 2027
Good Friday	March 26, 2027
Easter	March 28, 2027
Passover*	April 21 - 29, 2027
Orthodox Easter	May 2, 2027
Eid al-Adha	May 16 – 17, 2027
Shavuot*	June 10 – 12, 2027

**All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the holiday.*

The following policies apply to students celebrating the holidays noted above:

- Homework and projects will not be assigned to students observing religious holidays. Teachers shall not schedule tests for those students celebrating observed religious holidays. Students will not be expected to complete daily homework assigned the evening before, or the day of the religious holiday. Assignments and tests should be made up in a time span that is reasonable to both students and teachers (SC Policy 6314.01).
- Observance of a religious holiday shall be viewed as valid justification for student absence, late homework/project submission and delayed testing. It is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to notify the principal/dean/teacher of these dates at the beginning of the school year. In addition, the student shall notify the teacher(s) of the observance date no later than two weeks in advance or as soon as practical (SC Policy 6314.01).

Scheduled Staff Professional Development Days

Wednesday September 23, 2026	Student Half Day
Thursday October 22, 2026	Student Half Day
Tuesday November 3, 2026	Student NO School Day
Thursday December 10, 2026	Student Half Day
Tuesday January 12, 2027	Student Half Day
Thursday February 4, 2027	Student Half Day
Wednesday March 10, 2027	Student Half Day
Tuesday April 6, 2027	Student Half Day

Wednesday November 18, 2026
Student Half Day – Elementary and Middle Schools Only

Starting and Dismissal Schedule

School	Start	Dismissal	Early Dismissal
Chelmsford High	7:19 a.m.	1:52 p.m.	10:25 a.m.
McCarthy Middle	8:10 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
Parker Middle	8:20 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	11:10 a.m.
Byam Elem.	8:59 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
Center Elem.	8:59 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
Harrington Elem.	8:59 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
South Row Elem.	8:59 a.m.	3:18 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
CHIPS Program	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	AM Session
	12:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	PM Session