

2026-2027 CALENDAR



Open House

Aug. 11 K-8 | Aug. 18 SDMS | Aug. 19 EHS & MHS



Teacher Institute Day



Aug. 12 First Day of School

May 24 Last Day of School (Half Day)



Half Day of School

Semester 1: Sept. 23 | Oct. 14 | Nov. 11. | Dec. 09
Semester 2: Jan. 27 | Feb. 24 | Apr. 21 | May 24



School Breaks

November 23 - 27, 2026 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21, 2026 - Jan. 04, 2027 Winter Break
March 29 - April 02, 2027 Spring Break



Student Attendance Day

Monday, October 12 | Observe Holiday Mon., Oct. 19, 2026
Wednesday, Nov. 11 | Observe Holiday Wed., Nov. 25, 2026
Monday, March 01 | Observe Holiday Mon., Mar. 29, 2027



No School Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 16, 2026 (Fall)
Friday, March 12, 2027 (Spring)

No School (Optional) Teacher Workday

Monday, January 04, 2027



No School | District Offices Closed

Monday, September 07, 2026 Friday, January 01, 2027
Monday, October 19, 2026 Monday, January 18, 2027
Wednesday, November 25, 2026 Monday, February 15, 2027
Thursday, November 26, 2026 Friday, March 26, 2027
Friday, November 27, 2026 Monday, March 29, 2027
Wednesday, December 23, 2026 Monday, May 31, 2027
Thursday, December 24, 2026 Friday, June 18, 2027
Friday, December 25, 2026 Monday, July 05, 2027



(5) Emergency Days Make-Up Day of School if Snow Day(s) Taken

IPR Period End Date

Quarter 1 September 11, 2026
Quarter 2 November 13, 2026
Quarter 3 February 5, 2027
Quarter 4 April 16, 2027

IPR Distribution Date

IPR Distribution September 18, 2026
IPR Distribution November 20, 2026
IPR Distribution February 12, 2027
IPR Distribution April 23, 2027

Quarter & Semester End Date | Report Card Distribution Date

Q1 October 09, 2026 Report Card Distribution 10/15/2026
Q2 & S1 December 18, 2026 Report Card Distribution 01/08/2027
Q3 March 5, 2027 Report Card Distribution 03/11/2027
Q4 & S2 May 21, 2027 Report Card Distribution 05/24/2027

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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September

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October

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November

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December

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January

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February

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March

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April

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May

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June

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July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings, unless otherwise stated, will be held in the Board of Education Room at the Keil Administration Building, 101 West Cerro Gordo Street, Decatur, Illinois, 62523.

August 04, 2026**	November 10, 2026*	March 09, 2027
August 18, 2026**	December 15, 2026**	March 23, 2027
September 08, 2026	January 12, 2027	April 13, 2027
September 22, 2026	January 26, 2027	April 27, 2027
October 13, 2026	February 09, 2027	May 11, 2027
October 27, 2026	February 23, 2027	May 25, 2027

* ONLY One Board Meeting in that month
** Meeting held on the 1st and/or 3rd Tuesday



Decatur Public Schools
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SCHOOL BELLTIMES

SCHOOL REGULAR DAY HALF DAY

Baum Elementary School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Dennis Lab School	8:25 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	8:25 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School	8:25 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	8:25 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Franklin Grove Elementary School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Hope Academy	8:25 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	8:25 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Johns Hill Magnet School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Montessori Academy for Peace	9:15 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.	9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
AM PreK at Montessori	9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
PM PreK at Montessori	1:05 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.	No Attendance
Muffley Elementary School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Parsons Elementary School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Pershing Early Learning Center AM	9:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Pershing Early Learning Center PM	12:50 - 3:30 p.m.	No Attendance
Pershing Full-Day PreK	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Social Emotional Learning Academy	8:00 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
South Shores Elementary School	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Stephen Decatur Middle School	9:15 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.	9:15 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Eisenhower High School	8:10 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	8:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
MacArthur High School	8:10 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	8:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Heartland Tech Academy AM	8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Heartland Tech Academy PM	12:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	12:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.
DPS Alternative Education	7:40 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL

SEMESTER 1:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

OCTOBER, 14, 2026

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

DECEMBER 09, 2026

SEMESTER 2:

JANUARY 27, 2027

FEBRUARY 24, 2027

APRIL 21, 2027

MAY 24, 2027

Wednesday Early Dismissal:
High schools dismiss one hour earlier than the regular dismissal time during the school year.



For a full view of the district school calendar, visit:

www.dps61.org/calendar