

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

After much deliberation, the School Board adopted the attached 2017-18 academic calendar based on recommendations from the District leadership.

This calendar represents the best efforts of the District, in collaboration with staff associations, to strike a balance as it reinvests its limited resources in ways that allow it to continue improving student achievement. It also represents what the School Board believes to be best for the instructional program as a whole, working within current budget limitations.

Should more than two school days be missed for inclement weather, those days will be added to the end of the school year in order to meet minimum instruction minutes required by the State.

School Start and End Times

Begin and end times for schools are as follows:

- Elementary Schools: 8:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
- Middle Schools: 8:15 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
- High Schools: 8:00 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Full-Day Kindergarten

Starting in the fall of 2015, kindergarten students have been attending school all day, starting and ending the day with other elementary students. For more information and resources about full-day kindergarten, see www.springfield.k12.or.us/fdk.

First Week of School

Springfield schools will start on **Sept 6th** for grades 1-5, 6 and 9; and **Sept 7th** for grades 7, 8 and 10-12. To support smooth transition to school, kindergarten students will have a special schedule the first week.

Kindergarteners will begin the school year on a staggered start schedule, with half attending on Sept 6th and half on Sept 7th. Friday, Sept 8th, will be a no school day for kinders only. All kindergarten students will resume school on Sept 11th.

Early Release for All Grades

The District has once again designated a number of days for collaboration. Collaboration time allows staff to work together and plan the best ways to support individual students without requiring additional no-school days. This collaboration time is key to allowing schools to build the networks of support that can help all students achieve our vision of *Every Student a Graduate Prepared for a Bright and Successful Future*.

There are 15 early release dates identified on the calendar for all grades. High schools will provide more information about their early release schedule at registration in August.

- All elementary schools will be released at 12:30 p.m.
- All middle and high schools will be released at 1:15 p.m.

Elementary bus riders will be dropped off at their bus stops 2 hours and 20 minutes earlier than their regular time. Middle and high school students will arrive 2 hours earlier than normal.

All students in grades K-12 will be served lunch just as they are on a regular school day.

Other Key Dates

- Winter Break is December 18 - January 1. Spring Break is March 26 - 30.
- The last day of school is June 14 and is a full day for students.
- There are 175 student contact days, including early release days for collaboration.
- All District elementary schools are on trimester grading systems, while all middle and high schools are on semester calendars. This public calendar contains information relevant to both systems. Please note that our charter schools, A3 and Willamette Leadership Academy, have completely different calendars, which are available by contacting the schools.

Contact your child's school for more information or for any other questions about this calendar. Transportation schedules will be available shortly after school registration events in August.