

School Calendar Frequently Asked Questions

Employees

2022-2023 and 2023-2024

Q: When is the first day of school and why is it later than in the past?

A: The start date for the 2022-23 school year will be Monday, August 22 for students and Monday, August 15 for employees. The start date for the 2023-24 school year will be Monday, August 21 for students and Monday, August 14 for employees. This change was brought about by an update to Missouri State Legislation, House Bill 604, outlining that schools may not begin more than 14 days prior to Labor Day and went into effect in the fall of 2020.

Q: Are there any additional Early Release Dates?

A: Yes, the district has added Friday, October 7, 2022 and Friday, September 29, 2023 as early release days to accommodate Homecoming activities across the district.

Q: Is there a change in Early Release Wednesday release times?

A: Yes, we have changed back to our original early release Wednesday schedule (prior to January 2020) to add more instructional minutes to the school year. During the 20-21 and 21-22 school years, this release time was moved up to allow for additional planning time for virtual instruction. We feel the beginning of the 22-23 school year is appropriate to transition this time back to classroom instruction. The Early Release Wednesday schedule will be as follows beginning in the fall of 2022:

- 12:50 NGC
- 1:05 TBHS and TMS
- 2:10 TSMS, BE, LE, CPE, HPE
- 3:00 CBE, MSE, WCE
- 10:15 and 12:40 for NHHS

Q: Are there scheduled, required PD days?

A: Yes, there are five required professional development days currently on the calendar:

1. 2022-23 August 15-18 and January 2, 2023
2. 2023-24 August 14-17 and January 2, 2024

Q: When is the tentative last day of school?

A: The tentative last day of school will be on Thursday, May 25, 2023 and Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Q: When is spring break?

A: Spring break will be held during the fourth week in March to allow for a combined spring break with other local districts. The dates will be March 20-24, 2023 and March 18-22, 2024.

Q: How will we handle inclement weather days?

A: Inclement weather dates will be handled as follows:

- To be in compliance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, all districts must plan for 1,044 hours plus an additional 36 for inclement weather make-up dates, for a total of 1,080. Therefore, if less than 36 hours are missed due to inclement weather, students will not have any make-up dates added to their calendar.
- Tentative professional development dates are built into the calendar to allow for employees to fulfill their contracts and terms of employment in the case of inclement weather. All staff will be scheduled and expected to work on the scheduled make-up date. These dates are indicated with blue fill and a black line and are as follows: February 17, April 7, April 10, May 26, May 30, May 31, June 1, and June 2 for 2022-23 and then February 16, April 5, April 8, May 24, May 28, May 29, May 30, and May 31 for 2023-2024.
 - In order to fulfill contracted work days and terms of employment, employees will be required to work on the tentative February PD date if two inclement weather days have been incurred prior to this date

(incurred from the beginning of the school year through December 21, 2022 or December 21, 2023).
Each subsequent missed date will be made up in order, as available, utilizing the April tentative PD dates first and then the May and June tentative PD dates as indicated on the calendar.

- Employees will be notified of make-up dates separately from district families and community members.
- Latchkey will be provided for employee make-up dates.