

Dear CPS Families and Supporters,

The Chicago Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year on Wednesday, January 24, which will go a long way toward supporting both our families and our staff plan for the year ahead.

As a busy parent, I know how important it is to plan ahead. That's why I'm glad to have next year's school calendar in the hands of our families now so we can plan for extracurricular activities, child care, and family vacations.

For CPS educators, the calendar will help them shape curriculum to best support student learning. Knowing the schedule in advance will guide lesson planning, and helps ensure that resources for students, educators, and families are delivered seamlessly.

You'll see from the calendar that we were careful to divide the number of student attendance days – 178 – evenly across four quarters, and that we've allocated two days for parent-teacher conferences. These are important opportunities for parents to sit down with your child's teachers and support their learning at home. We also provided 10 days of professional development to support continuous development of our educators, and ensure effective planning throughout the school year.

Here are some of the important dates for the next school year:

**First Day of School** - 9/4/18, **Last Day of School** - 6/18/19

**Academic Quarters** - **Q1** - 11/1/18, **Q2** - 1/31/19, **Q3** - 4/4/19, **Q4** - 6/18/19

**Parent Teacher Conference Days** - 11/14/18 (ES), 11/15/18 (HS), 4/10/19 (ES), 4/11/19 (HS)

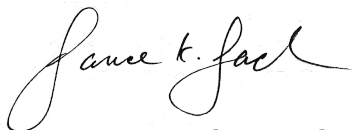
**Winter Vacation** - 12/24/18 - 1/4/19, **Spring Vacation** - 4/15/18 - 4/19/18

**School Improvement Days** - 11/2/18, 2/1/19, 4/5/19, 6/19/19

*Please note: Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, 11/12/18.*

In addition to the attached calendar, you can download the SY 2018-2019 Calendar at [cps.edu/calendar](http://cps.edu/calendar). I hope it proves to be a useful resource for you, and look forward to continuing our partnership this school year and next.

Sincerely,



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Officer

## 2018-2019 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

AUGUST					NOVEMBER					FEBRUARY					MAY				
		1	2	3			7	1Q	2#					1#			1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	12*	13	14ESPT	15HSPT	16	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22▲	23	24	19	20	(21)	22*	23*	18*	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24
27♦	28+	29+	30+	31+	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28		27*	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER					DECEMBER					MARCH					JUNE				
3*	4	5	6	7	3	4	5	6	7					1	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	10	11	12	13	14	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21	17	18	19	20	21	11	12	13	14	15	17	18Q	19#	20*	21e
24	25	26	27	28	24/	25/	26/	27/	28/	18	19	20	21	22	22e	23e	24e	25e	26
					(31)					25	26	27	28	29	29	30			

OCTOBER					JANUARY					APRIL					JULY				
1	2	3	4	5		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	1	2	3	4Q	5#			1	2	3
8*	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	8	9	10ESPT	11HSPT	12	6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	15/	16/	17/	18/	19/	13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26	21*	22	23	24	25	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24
29	30	31			28	29	30	31Q		29	30				27	28	29	30	31

**LEGEND**

- Q End of Quarter
- + Teacher Institute Days
- # School Improvement Days
- \* Holiday
- Day of non-attendance for students
- Anticipated Window for Summer Programs
- ( ) Schools closed-- no salary paid
- // Schools closed—salary paid except as provided by budgetary action
- HSPT High School Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Report card pickup)
- ESPT Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Report card pickup)
- e Emergency day-school in session if student days fall below state requirement
- ◆ Each school is provided 2 professional development days
- ▲ School clerks begin working on Wednesday, August 22, 2018

**\*HOLIDAYS**

September 3	Labor Day	January 21	M. L. King Day
October 8	Columbus Day	February 18	President's Day
November 12	Veteran's Day	May 27	Memorial Day
November 22, 23	Thanksgiving Holiday		

*Please note: December 25 and January 1 are holidays for the district offices.*

**NOTES:**

- **SCHOOL CALENDAR**— School clerks begin on August 22, 2018. Teachers and Chicago Teacher's Union (CTU) – represented Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) begin on August 27, 2018.  
Other school-based employees begin between August 27, 2018 and September 4, 2018.  
Students begin classes on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and end on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Both days are full days of school for students.
- **QUARTERS**— Each quarter ends on the following day:  
Q1 ends November 1, 2018      Q3 ends April 4, 2019  
Q2 ends January 31, 2019      Q4 ends June 18, 2019
- **PROGRESS REPORT DISTRIBUTION DAYS**— Schools will distribute progress reports on the following dates:  
Q1 on October 5, 2018      Q3 on March 8, 2019  
Q2 on December 14, 2018      Q4 on May 17, 2019
- **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS**— Parents are asked to pickup report cards and conference with teachers after the first and third quarters. Parent-Teacher conference days are non-attendance days for students. Elementary and high schools are expected to run a Parent-Teacher Conference Day:  

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>
Q1 on Wednesday, November 14, 2018	Q1 on Thursday, November 15, 2018
Q3 on Wednesday, April 10, 2019	Q3 on Thursday, April 11, 2019
- **REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DAYS**— Please note that report cards for the second and fourth quarters will be sent home:  
Q2 on February 8, 2019      Q4 on June 18, 2019
- **TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS**— Teacher institute days are non-attendance days for students. These days are approved by the State Superintendent of Instruction for teacher professional development. Teacher institute days are principal-directed for August 28-30, 2018; August 31, 2018 is teacher-directed. August 28, 2018 may be used flexibly across the year.  
Days include: August 28, 2018; August 29, 2018; August 30, 2018 and August 31, 2018.
- **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAYS**— School Improvement Days are non-attendance days for students and are for teachers and staff to review student data, plan instruction, and engage in development aligned to school priorities. They are principal-directed, except April 5, 2019 and June 19, 2019, which are teacher-directed.  
Days include: November 2, 2018; February 1, 2019; April 5, 2019 and June 19, 2019.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**— Each school is provided 2 Professional Development Days: August 27, 2018 and June 20, 2019. Professional development days may be used flexibly across the year. They are principal directed.
- **VACATIONS**— Schools are closed for the following breaks:  
Winter vacation— Schools are closed from December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019.  
Spring vacation— Schools are closed from April 15, 2019 to April 19, 2019.
- **GRADUATION DATES**— High school graduation ceremonies cannot be held prior to June 8, 2019. Elementary graduations ceremonies cannot be held prior to June 13, 2019.
- **ANTICIPATED SUMMER PROGRAMS**— Anticipated Summer Programs include Summer Bridge, Bilingual Bridge, English Language Summer Support, Extended School Year, Summer Acceleration and High School Summer Credit Recovery.