

## New York City Department of Education School Year 2021–22 Calendar Memorandum

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) school year calendar must be adhered to without exception, unless notifications of subsequent changes are received pursuant to collective bargaining agreements or for other reasons, provided these other reasons are not inconsistent with collective bargaining or legal obligations. Under no circumstances may schools deviate from this calendar without Central approval. This memorandum establishes that school sessions for all students shall begin on **September 13, 2021** and end on **June 27, 2022** and incorporates the following understandings:

1. This calendar does not preclude subsequent changes made pursuant to collective bargaining agreements or for other reasons. In no case can this calendar or subsequent changes result in a loss of State aid.
2. Consistent with [Commissioner’s Regulation 175.5](#) and [New York State Education Law EDN§3604](#), schools may not deviate from the DOE school year calendar without prior Central authorization. All changes in this calendar must be submitted for Central review and approval at least 6 weeks prior to the earliest impacted date. With approval, schools must notify parents of any calendar change at least 4 weeks prior to the earliest impacted date.
3. The Chancellor shall use the power vested in them by law when, in violation of this citywide school year calendar, a school is closed or shortened sessions are scheduled without prior authorization.
4. This school year calendar is compliant with [New York State Education Law EDN§3604](#) requiring a minimum session of 180 days.
5. The DOE plans to shift all students and teachers to remote instruction in lieu of cancelling school when severe weather conditions make in-person services impracticable or unsafe; New York State Education Department (NYSED) established a [pilot policy](#) effective for school year 2020–21 allowing this practice. NYSED would need to extend [the pilot](#) or permanently adopt the policy for DOE to continue this practice in school year 2021–22.
  - o In the event NYSED does not extend the [pilot policy](#) and there is a need to make up session days in order to meet the statutory minimum number, the DOE and UFT shall jointly determine those vacation days during designated recess periods which shall be used and the order in which such days would be used. The number of recess days used shall not exceed the number needed to meet the statutory minimum.
6. On September 9, 2021 the following staff shall report: Classroom Teachers, Bilingual Teachers in School and Community Relations, Guidance Counselors, Attendance Teachers, Nurses, Therapists, Laboratory Specialists and Technicians, and Educational Paraprofessionals. School Secretaries, Psychologists and Social Workers report for a regular work day. Employees in titles not listed should consult the applicable collective bargaining agreement. This day shall be a Chancellor’s Conference Day for staff development as described in this memorandum.
7. Students shall not be in attendance on Chancellor’s Conference Days for staff development related to the implementation of high learning standards and assessments. Staff development activities must meet needs that are mandated, or of high priority, including collaborative professional learning opportunities for staff related to rigorous instruction, a supportive environment, and effective leadership; implementation of the new high learning standards and assessments, as adopted by the Board of Regents; school violence prevention and intervention; the implementation of the Continuum for Students with Disabilities; performance standards; science education; assessments, etc., as they relate to general, special and bilingual education. There must be an appropriate focus on the implementation of high learning standards and assessments, in accordance with [Commissioner’s Regulation 175.5](#) and [New York State Education Law EDN§3604](#). All schools shall hold Chancellor’s Conference Days for staff development on the following dates:
  - o September 9, 2021
  - o September 10, 2021
  - o June 9, 2022 (Anniversary Day)
  - o June 28, 2022 (Day following last day of school for students)

8. November 2, 2021, Election Day, shall be a remote, asynchronous instructional day for all students and a professional development day for teachers. The decision to provide remote, asynchronous instruction on Election Day is subject to change pending additional guidance from NYSED.
9. For all 9–12 and 6–12 schools in Districts 1–32, Monday, January 31, 2022 will be scheduled for staff development; no students in these schools will be in attendance on this day. January 31, 2022 is a regular attendance day for students in K–5, K–6, 6–8, K–12 and D75 schools and programs.
10. Consistent with [Commissioner’s Regulation 175.5](#), calculations of aidable instructional time incorporate the Chancellor’s Conference Days and Regents Examination Days. In accordance with CR175.5, conferences for staff development activities that are related to implementation of the new high learning standards and assessments, general staff orientation, curriculum development, in service education, or parent-teacher conferences shall be credited toward the annual instructional hour and 180-day session requirements. This time shall not include routine administrative matters such as grading of assignments, the preparation of pupil assignments, recordkeeping, or the preparation of lesson plans.
11. The school calendar takes into account the following citywide shortened sessions for students:
  - Two afternoon Parent-Teacher Conference days (one in the fall term and one in the spring term, for all schools) where students receive a minimum of two and a half hours of instruction.
12. June 7, 2022 shall be a non-attendance day for students in K–5, K–6, 6–8, K–12 and D75 schools and programs to allow staff time to complete the various tasks related to the annual reorganization of schools. Principals should plan end of term clerical administrative assignments in a manner that ensures that maximum productive use is made of this time. The Office of Pupil Transportation will notify bus companies of the non-attendance day; schools do not need to notify the Office of Pupil Transportation of this event. June 7, 2022 is a regular attendance day for students in 6–12 and 9–12 schools in Districts 1–32.
13. The last day of the school shall be a regular day of instruction, shortened sessions are not permitted. Schools must adhere to the following guidelines:
  - All students are required to attend school
  - Daily attendance must be taken, recorded and reported
  - Students are to receive instruction
14. As a result of Chancellor’s Conference Days for staff development, the total number of student attendance days is less than the number of session days.
15. For information regarding Regents exams and other State assessments, please visit NYSED’s website.

### Important Dates

DATE	WEEKDAY	EVENT
August 30	Monday	10-month APs and school-based intermediate supervisors report
September 6	Monday	Labor Day, schools closed
September 7–8	Tuesday– Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah, schools closed
September 9–10	Thursday– Friday	Chancellor’s Conference Days for staff development, students not in attendance
September 13	Monday	First day of school for students
September 16	Thursday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
October 11	Monday	Indigenous Peoples’ Day, schools closed
November 2	Tuesday	Election Day, remote asynchronous instructional for students, professional development for teachers
November 3	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools.

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November 4	Thursday	Afternoon parent-teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 10	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools.
November 11	Thursday	Veterans Day, schools closed
November 12	Friday	Afternoon parent-teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 17	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for middle schools and District 75 school programs.
November 18	Thursday	Afternoon Conferences for middle schools and District 75 school programs; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
November 25–26	Thursday– Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
December 24–31	Friday– Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed
January 17	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
January 25–28	Tuesday– Friday	Regents Administration
January 31	Monday	PD day for 9–12 and 6–12 schools, students in these schools do not attend
February 1	Tuesday	Lunar New Year, schools closed
February 2	Wednesday	Spring Term begins for semester-based schools
February 21–25	Monday– Friday	Midwinter Recess, schools closed
March 2	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools.
March 3	Thursday	Afternoon parent-teacher conferences for elementary schools and K–8 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
March 9	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for middle schools and district 75 schools and programs.
March 10	Thursday	Afternoon parent-teacher conferences for middle schools and district 75 schools and programs; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
March 16	Wednesday	Evening parent-teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools.
March 18	Friday	Afternoon parent-teacher conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early.
March 29–31	Tuesday– Thursday	3–8 ELA Assessment administration
April 15–22	Friday– Friday	Spring Recess (includes Good Friday and Passover), schools closed
April 26–28	Tuesday– Thursday	3–8 Math Assessment administration
May 2	Monday	Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed

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June 7	Tuesday	Clerical Day, K–5, K–6, 6–8, and K–12 schools and D75 programs, students in these schools do not attend
June 9	Thursday	Anniversary Day, Chancellor’s Conference Day for staff development, students do not attend
June 15–23	Wednesday –Friday	Regents Administration
June 20	Monday	Juneteenth (observed), schools closed
June 24	Friday	Regents Rating day
June 27	Monday	Last day of school for students
June 28	Tuesday	Chancellor’s Conference Day for staff development