

WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Date: February 3, 2026

To: Wenatchee School Board

From: Kelly Lopez, Executive Director of Human Resources

Subject: 2026-2027 Student Calendar

Below are the major dates for the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Major dates:

- First day of school: Aug 26
- Conferences: Oct 28-30
- Thanksgiving Break: Nov 25-27
- Winter Break: Dec 21-Jan 1
- Mid-Winter Break: Feb 11-16 (includes Presidents Day 2/15)
- Spring Break: April 5-9
- Last day of School: June 11
- Professional Development days: Oct 7, Dec 2, March 17, April 21 (half-day school)

To prioritize consistent instructional momentum, we are moving our Professional Development (PD) days from full-day Fridays to half-day Wednesdays. Our hope is that this maximizes staff attendance at training sessions and minimizes the frequency of "short" four-day weeks for students. This keeps students in a consistent five-day-a-week routine.

By streamlining our PD schedule into a half-day model, we have successfully reclaimed enough time to build a Mid-Winter Break into the calendar. This provides a vital "reset" for both students and staff during the long stretch between the new year and spring.

Our Spring Break is aligned with neighboring districts, ensuring that staff and families with children in multiple districts can enjoy their time off together.

If you have any questions about the calendar, please reach out to me.