



2026-2027 DISCOVERY SCHOOLS
 CALENDAR FOR STUDENTS and TEACHERS
 GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL – 04/21/26
 Dates are subject to change.



Events	Dates
Teacher's 1st Day	Monday, August 3, 2026
Teacher Pre-Week	Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7, 2026
DHS STUDENT ORIENTATION –	Wednesday, August 5,, 2026
DALA STUDENT ORIENTATION -	Thursday, August 6,, 2026
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (All Discovery Schools)	Monday, August 10, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 1 of 6	Friday, September 4, 2026
HOLIDAY (Labor Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, September 7, 2026
First Interim Report (23 rd Day – September 09, 2026)	Distribute Week of September 8 – 11, 2026
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Enrollment Attendance Window	September 25 – October 9, 2026
FTE Student Survey Week	October 5 – October 9, 2026
End of First 9-Week Grading Period (50 Days)	Thursday, October 15, 2026
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Teacher Staff Dev - Grades Due	Friday, October 16, 2026
Discovery Schools Closed (Polk County Schools in Session)	Monday, October 19, 2026
Begin Second Quarter	Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Monday, October 26, 2026
DALA - Regular (full) Day - DHS Early Release Day	Friday, October 30, 2026
HOLIDAY (Veterans Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Second Interim Report (23 rd Day – November 19, 2026)	Distribute Week of November 16 – 20, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 2 of 6 (Teacher Work)	Friday, November 20, 2026
Holiday FALL BREAK – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Monday – Friday, November 23 – 27, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 3 of 6 (Teacher Work) END OF 1st SEMESTER (87 Days)/ End of 2nd Grading Period and Last School Day before Winter Break	Friday, December 18, 2026
WINTER BREAK BEGINS	Monday, December 21, 2026
HOLIDAY (New Year’s Day) – STUDENT, Teacher and Paraeducator	Friday, January 1, 2027
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS or Paraeducators/ Teacher Workday Storm Make-Up Day as needed	Monday, January 4, 2027
Students return after Winter Break - 3rd Quarter Begins (All Discovery Schools)	Tuesday, January 5, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Second Grading Period)	Tuesday, January 12, 2027



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Events	Dates
DALA - Regular (full) Day - DHS Early Release Day	Friday, January 15, 2026
HOLIDAY (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid) and Paraeducator	Monday, January 18, 2027
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Student Enrollment Attendance Window	Friday, January 22 – Friday, February 5, 2027
FTE Student Survey Week	February 1 – 5, 2027
Third Interim Report (23rd Day – February 8, 2027)	Distribute Week of February 8 – 12, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 4 of 6	Friday, February 12, 2026
HOLIDAY (Presidents' Day) – STUDENT, Teacher (Paid), Paraeducator (Paid)	Monday, February 15, 2027
End of Third 9-Week Grading Period (45 Days)	Thursday, March 11, 2027
Discovery Schools Closed ** (Polk County Schools in Session)	Friday, March 12, 2027
SPRING BREAK WEEK – NO SCHOOL	Monday-Friday, March 15 – 19, 2027
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Teachers and Paraeducators	Friday, March 26, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Third Grading Period)	Wednesday, March 31, 2027
Fourth Interim Report (23rd Day – April 22, 2027)	Distribute Week of April 19 – 23, 2027
Discovery Schools Closed ** (Polk County Schools in Session)	Friday, April 16, 2027
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 5 of 6 (Parent Conferences)	Friday, April 23, 2026
STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL 6 of 6 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – END OF SECOND SEMESTER (91 Days)	Thursday, May 27, 2027
Last Teacher Work Day (194-Day Contract)/ Secondary School Grades Due	Friday, May 28, 2027

Storm Make-Up Days: 11/23/26, 11/24/26, 1/4//27, 03/12/27, 04/19/27 and 5/28/27.

Reminder: Non-Refundable Travel Tickets Should Not Be Purchased in the Event that Storm Make-Up Days Are Used as Student Attendance Days and/or Teacher Work Days.

Student Early Dismissal Dates DALA (6) - DHS (8)

Students are dismissed from school 150 minutes (2.5 hours) early on each of these days:

Friday, September 4, 2026 (DALA & DHS)
Friday, November 20, 2026 (DALA & DHS)
 Friday, January 15, 2027 (DHS only)
Friday, April 23, 2027 (DALA & DHS)

Friday, October 30, 2026 (DHS ONLY)
Friday, December 18, 2026 (DALA & DHS)
Friday, February 12, 2027 (DALA & DHS)
Friday, May 27, 2027 (DALA & DHS)