

Des Moines Public Schools
2008-2009 Continuous Calendar

2008

July

- 10 First-year teachers report per contract
- 11 First-year teachers report per contract
- 14 All teachers report
- 15 All teachers report
- 16 All teachers report
- 17 First day of school – no early dismissal

August

- 27 Conferences - classes will be held, 90-minute
Early dismissal for all students
- 28 Conferences – no classes
Teachers on duty from 12:15 until 8 p.m. for
Conferences
- 29 No classes (optional for all teachers)

September

- 1 Holiday – no classes, offices closed
- 9 School board election
- 10 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(Collaborative time for teachers)
- 19 Staff development for teachers – no student
classes
- 22-30 No school, fall break

October

- 1 – 10 No school, fall break
- 15 90 minute early dismissal for all students
- 22 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaborative time for teachers)

November

- 5 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 26 20-minute early dismissal for all students
- 27-28 Holidays – no classes, office closed

December

- 3 120-minute early dismissal for elementary
students
Only (collaboration time for teachers)
- 19 20-minute early dismissal for all students
Last day of 1st semester
- 22-31 Winter recess – no classes
- 24-25 Holidays – offices closed
- 31 Holiday – offices closed

Emergency Schedule Changes

When school is closed or dismissed early, information is made

available through several media:

- Cable channel 12, DMPS channel
- www.dmps.k12.ia.us
- Local radio and television stations

Please consult one of these sources for information on changes in the school calendar.

2009

January

- 1 Holiday – offices closed
- 5 First day of school after winter recess
First day of 2nd semester
- 7 120-minute early dismissal for elementary students
only (collaboration time for teachers)
- 19 No classes (MLK in-service day, required for all
teachers)

February

- 4 90 – minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 11 Conferences – classes will be held, 90 minute
Early dismissal for all students
Teachers on duty from 4 pm. until 8 pm. for
conferences
- 12 Conferences – no classes
Teachers on duty from 12:15 p.m. until 8 p.m.
for conferences
- 13 No classes (optional for all teachers)
- 16 Staff development for teachers – no student
classes

March

- 4 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 9-20 Spring break

April

- 7 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 27-30 No classes, April break
(reserved - inclement weather make-up days
If necessary)

May

- 1 No classes, break (reserved for make-up days if
necessary)
- 6 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 20 90-minute early dismissal for all students
(collaboration time for teachers)
- 25 Holiday – no classes, offices closed

June

- 1 Last day of school for elementary & middle
Schools – dismissal after a half day, lunch
Will be served in elementary schools (in-service
Half day for elementary and middle school
teachers)
- 2 Last day of school for high school – no early
dismissal (in-service day for elementary and
middle school teachers)