

Academic Calendar Overview

School Year 2020-2021



The YES Prep School Year 20-21 Academic Calendar has been approved by the YES Prep Board of Directors and can be found at <https://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar>.

All changes made to the Academic Calendar structures – and structures impacted by the Academic Calendar – were made with the intention of **maximizing the learning experience for students and providing consistency and predictability for families** at all YES Prep Schools. All decisions were made after collecting input from YES Prep Family Fellows, the Principal Advisory Council, and YES Prep leaders. Changes to current calendar and structures is necessary in SY20-21 as YES Prep embarks on the thrilling endeavor to open elementary campuses in the pursuit of equity for all children.

Along with the commitment to equity, YES Prep prioritizes the following guiding principles:

- YES Prep is committed to maximizing transportation resources and separating elementary and secondary students on buses.
- YES Prep has aligned with recommendations from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) which recommends that middle and high schools start at 8:30 am or later to give students the opportunity to get the amount of sleep they need.
- YES Prep is committed to preserving time for students to participate in after-school activities and commit time to their families while protecting instruction.
- YES Prep values professional learning opportunities for staff while reducing the burden on families, and PD structures will allow more time for campuses to develop PD based on the needs of students.

The following changes are reflected in the SY20-21 YES Prep Academic Calendar or structures related to the academic day:

- All YES Prep secondary non-partnership campuses will start at 8:30am.
 - Secondary campuses will end at 4:15pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
 - Secondary campuses will end at 3:00pm Wednesday.
- All YES Prep elementary campuses will start at 7:30am.
 - YES Prep elementary campuses will end at 3:15pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
 - YES Prep elementary campuses will end at 2:00pm Wednesday.
- There is one staff development day each six weeks where students will not attend school.
- There are 177 instructional days in the SY20-21 Academic Calendar. This is one more day than the SY19-20 Academic Calendar to ensure YES Prep has a buffer of operational minutes in case of school closure.
- There will continue to be at least one all YES Prep holiday with no school each month. Staff development days have been planned as much as possible in conjunction with these holidays to provide families with as much consistency as possible.