



2025-2026 Calendar Readoption

Board of Education | April 28, 2026

How Our Calendar is Constructed



New York State Calendar Requirements

- **The 180-Day Requirement** * New York State Education Law mandates a minimum of **180 days of instruction** every school year. (Note: Superintendent Conf. Days count toward the 180 days)
 - If we fall below this number, the state requires us to make up those days to avoid loss of state aid funding.
- **Minimum Annual Instructional Hours**
 - Beyond the 180-day count, we must meet specific "seat time" thresholds:
 - **Elementary (K–6):** 900 hours
 - **Middle & High School (7–12):** 990 hours
- **Emergency Closures & Travel Bans**
 - A **State-level** State of Emergency is not enough on its own to waive a missed day.
 - To avoid making up a day lost to an emergency, there must be a **corresponding local** State of Emergency or a specific travel ban/official advisory in effect for our area.
 - If a closure happens without these specific local declarations, the day **must** be added back to the calendar.

Annual Calendar Readoption & Upcoming Adjustments



- **Standard Annual Readoption**
 - Each year, we formally readopt our school calendar to accurately reflect any closures or inclement weather days.
 - This ensures we maintain a precise record for **New York State Education Department (NYSED)** auditing and compliance.
- **Calendar Changes for 2025–26**
 - **Orchard Park Middle School:** changed **June 16 & 17, 2026 to half days**
 - **Elementary Level (K–5):** Half-day added for **June 23, 2026** (used three snow closing days, making June 23 the last student attendance day)
 - i. With these adjustments, our district remains **in full compliance** with all state-mandated instructional hours and the 180-day requirement.
 - **Preparing for Summer Construction**
 - i. These half-days are strategically placed to give staff the necessary time to prepare our facilities as we have significant **capital construction work** scheduled to begin in our buildings immediately following the conclusion of the school year