



202627



CALENDAR



Dear RPS Family,

As we begin a new school year, Richmond Public Schools steps forward with optimism, purpose, and a shared commitment to the success of every learner. A school year is more than a collection of dates on a calendar. It is a journey we take together, one filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen the connections that make our schools the heart of this City.

RPS' motto, "We Love You Here," continues to guide the way we show up for one another. It reflects the culture we strive to build every day: one where students feel known and supported, families feel welcomed and valued, staff feel appreciated and empowered, and community members feel connected to the work happening in our schools. "We Love You Here" is not just a phrase; it is a promise that everyone who walks through our doors belongs here.

Within this calendar, you'll find important dates, celebrations, and reminders that help keep our year running smoothly. We hope you love the new design! More importantly, we hope it serves as a symbol of our shared effort. When we plan together, communicate openly, and support one another, we create the conditions where every student can thrive.

Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and dedication to our scholars, staff, and schools. May this year bring meaningful learning, joyful moments, and accomplishments we can all celebrate. And throughout it all, I pray you feel the truth of our enduring message — We Love You Here.

With great appreciation,

Jason Kamras

KEY DATES

200-Day Calendar Start

(For Cardinal ES, Fairfield Court ES, Oak Grove-Bellemeade ES and Woodville ES.)

July 27: First Day of School (200-day calendar only)

180-Day Calendar Start

August 24: First Day of School (Grades PK-5, 6 & 9) (180-day calendar only)

August 25: First Day of School (Grades 7-8, 10-12) (180-day calendar only)

Both 200-Day and 180-Day schools follow the same calendar after the first week

Divisionwide Calendar

July 4: Fourth of July

September 4: Labor Day Weekend Holiday (RPS Closed)

September 7: Labor Day (RPS Closed)

September 21: Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)

October 12: Indigenous Peoples' Day (RPS Closed)

October 28: End of 1st Nine Weeks + Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)

November 2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)

November 3: Election Day (RPS Closed)

November 9: Diwali (RPS Closed)

November 12: After-school Secondary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences

November 19: After-school Elementary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break (RPS Closed)

December 21-25: Winter Break (RPS Closed)

December 28-31: Winter Break (Schools Closed)

January 1: Winter Break & New Year's Day (RPS Closed)

January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (RPS Closed)

January 22: End of 2nd Nine Weeks / 1st Semester

January 25: Teacher Planning Day (No School for Students)

February 15: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)

February 16: Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)

March 10: Eid al Fitr (RPS Closed)

March 11: After-school Secondary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences

March 18: After-school Elementary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences

March 26: End of 3rd Nine Weeks

March 29: Easter Monday (RPS Closed)

March 29-April 2: Spring Break (Schools Closed)

April 2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)

May 31: Memorial Day (RPS Closed)

June 4: Last Day of School for Students

June 7: Last Day for Teachers

June 17: Juneteenth Holiday (RPS Closed)

RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

The dates listed here and below are provided for awareness only and do not necessarily indicate days when students are out of school. Student attendance days are indicated by the shaded dates on the calendar.

EVENING ONLY

Religious holidays and observances begin after sunset on these days. Schools may schedule daytime activities as usual, but when possible, schools should attempt to refrain from special evening events (Homecoming, Back-to-School Night, etc.) and important meetings after school on these days. This includes observances that occur on the weekend. These dates are for awareness only and not necessarily days where students are out of school.

Rosh Hashanah Begins	September 11, 2026
Yom Kippur Begins	September 20, 2026
Ramadan Begins	February 8, 2027
Eid al-Fitr Begins	March 9, 2027
Easter Monday	March 29, 2027
Eid al-Adha Begins	May 16-17, 2027

FULL DAY

Whenever possible, schools and organizations when possible, schools should attempt to refrain from scheduling special events (Homecoming, field trips, family events), important meetings, or intra-school athletic events on these dates, to avoid excluding staff, families, and students who may be observing these holidays.

Rosh Hashanah	September 11-13, 2026
Last Day of Sukkot	October 2, 2026
Chinese New Year	February 6, 2027
Ramadan	February 8-March 9, 2027
Ash Wednesday	February 10, 2027
Good Friday	March 26, 2027
Easter	March 28, 2027
Easter Monday	March 29, 2027
1st Day of Passover	April 21, 2027
Eid al-Adha	May 16-17, 2027
First Day of Muharram Ashura	June 15, 2027

See complete list of observances in the monthly pages.

CANCELATIONS

Inclement weather days are built into the calendar. Once those days are exhausted, students will participate in asynchronous learning. Unless otherwise noted, 12-month staff will work remotely.

JULY



KEY DATES



STUDENTS

27: First Day of School for RPS200 —
Cardinal ES, Fairfield Court ES, Oak
Grove-Bellemeade ES & Woodville ES



TEACHERS

20-21: RPS200 Professional Learning Days
22-23: RPS200 Teacher Planning Days
24: Divisionwide Professional Learning Day



12-MONTH STAFF

2: Independence Day Holiday (RPS Closed)
3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Summer Fridays (Offices closed
across RPS)



OBSERVANCES

4: Independence Day



Orange shaded dates indicate that
school is in session for RPS200
schools ONLY.



Blue shaded dates indicate that
school is in session for traditional
and RPS200 schools.



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2 * Independence Day Holiday (RPS Closed)	3 * Summer Fridays	4 ♥ Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10 * Summer Fridays	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 * Summer Fridays	18
19	20 RPS200 School-based Professional Learning Day	21 RPS200 School-based Professional Learning Day	22 RPS200 Teacher Planning Day	23 RPS200 Teacher Planning Day	24 RPS200 Divisionwide Professional Learning Day * Summer Fridays	25
26	27 First Day of School: RPS200 	28	29	30	31 * Summer Fridays	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 



AUGUST



KEY DATES



STUDENTS

- 24: First Day of School K-5th, 6th, & 9th grades
- 25: First Day of School 7-8th, 10th-12th grades



TEACHERS

- 10-14: Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development
- 12-14: Divisionwide Professional Learning Days for Teachers w/o Full Licensure
- 17-18: Divisionwide Professional Learning Days: All Teachers
- 19-20: Teacher Planning Days
- 21: School-based Professional Learning Day



12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

- 7: Summer Friday (Offices closed across RPS)



OBSERVANCES



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Blue shaded dates indicate that school is in session for traditional and RPS200 schools.



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	 Calendar Note: All new teachers <i>regardless of licensure status</i> are expected to attend New Teacher Professional Development from August 10–14 in full. The August 12–14 Professional Learning sessions are additional required days for returning long-term substitutes, provisional licensed teachers, and any teacher not fully licensed..					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					* Summer Fridays	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	* Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development	* Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development	* Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development * Divisionwide Professional Learning Days for Teachers w/o Full Licensure	* Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development * Divisionwide Professional Learning Days for Teachers w/o Full Licensure	* Divisionwide New Teacher Professional Development * Divisionwide Professional Learning Days for Teachers w/o Full Licensure	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	* Divisionwide Professional Learning Day	* Divisionwide Professional Learning Day	* Teacher Planning Day	* Teacher Planning Day	* School-based Professional Learning Day	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	♦ First Day of School For grades PK-5, 6, & 9	♦ First Day of School For grades 7-8 & 10-12				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
						

SEPTEMBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 4: Labor Weekend Holiday (RPS Closed)
- 7: Labor Day (RPS Closed)
- 21: Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)

TEACHERS

- 4: Labor Weekend Holiday (RPS Closed)
- 7: Labor Day (RPS Closed)
- 21: Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)

12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

- 4: Labor Weekend Holiday (RPS Closed)
- 7: Labor Day (RPS Closed)
- 21: Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)

OBSERVANCES

- 1: Grandparents Day
- 11: Rosh Hashanah Begins
- 15: Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- 20: Yom Kippur Begins
- 25: First Day of Sukkot



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4   Labor Day Weekend Holiday (RPS Closed)	5
6  Grandparents Day	7   Labor Day (RPS Closed)	8	9	10	11  Rosh Hashanah Begins	12  Rosh Hashanah
13	14	15  Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16	17	18	19
20  Yom Kippur Begins	21   Yom Kippur (RPS Closed)	22	23	24	25  First Day of Sukkot	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 



OCTOBER

KEY DATES

- ◆ STUDENTS

12: Indigenous Peoples' Day (RPS Closed)

28: End of First Nine Weeks, Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (School Closed for Students)
- ☀ TEACHERS

12: Indigenous Peoples' Day (RPS Closed)

28: End of First Nine Weeks, Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (School Closed for Students)
- ✿ 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

12: Indigenous Peoples' Day (RPS Closed)
- ♥ OBSERVANCES

2: Last Day of Sukkot

12: Indigenous Peoples' Day

14: Hispanic Heritage Month Ends



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2 ♥ Last Day of Sukkot	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 🌞🔹 Indigenous People's Day (RPS Closed)	13	14	15 ♥ Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 🌞🔹 End of 1st Nine Weeks & Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)	29	30	31 



NOVEMBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)
- 3: Election Day (RPS Closed)
- 9: Diwali (RPS Closed)
- 25-27: Thanksgiving (RPS Closed)

TEACHERS

- 2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)
- 3: Election Day (RPS Closed)
- 9: Diwali (RPS Closed)
- 25-27: Thanksgiving (RPS Closed)
- 12: After-school Secondary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences
- 19: After-school Elementary School Caregiver/Parent Conferences

12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

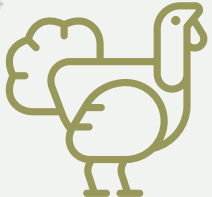
- 2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)
- 3: Election Day (RPS Closed)
- 9: Diwali (RPS Closed)
- 25-27: Thanksgiving (RPS Closed)

OBSERVANCES

- 11: Veterans Day



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 🌞📌 Wellness Day (RPS Closed) 🌿	3 🌞📌 Election Day (RPS Closed) 🌿	4	5	6	7
8	9 🌞📌 Diwali (RPS Closed) 🌿	10	11 💜 Veterans Day	12 🌞 After-school Caregiver/Parent Conferences	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 🌞 After-school Caregiver/Parent Conferences	20	21
22	23	24	25 🌞📌 Thanksgiving Break (RPS Closed) 🌿	26 🌞📌 Thanksgiving Break (RPS Closed) 🌿	27 🌞📌 Thanksgiving Break (RPS Closed) 🌿	28
29	30	1	2	2	3	4 

DECEMBER

KEY DATES

◆ **STUDENTS**
DEC 21- Jan 1: Winter Break

✶ **TEACHERS**
DEC 21- Jan 1: Winter Break

✿ **12-MONTH EMPLOYEES**
DEC 21-25: Winter Break

♥ **OBSERVANCES**
4: Hannukah Begins
24: Christmas Eve
25: Christmas
26: Kwanzaa Begins



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4 ♥ Hanukkah Begins	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 ♦ ❄ Winter Break ❄ (RPS Closed)	22 ♦ ❄ Winter Break ❄ (RPS Closed)	23 ♦ ❄ Winter Break ❄ (RPS Closed)	24 ♦ ❄ Winter Break ❄ (RPS Closed) ♥ Christmas Eve	25 ♦ ❄ Winter Break ❄ (RPS Closed) ♥ Christmas	26 ♥ Kwanzaa Begins
27	28 ♦ ❄ Winter Break (No school for students and teachers)	29 ♦ ❄ Winter Break (No school for students and teachers)	30 ♦ ❄ Winter Break (No school for students and teachers)	31 ♦ ❄ Winter Break (No school for students and teachers)	1	2 



JANUARY

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

1: New Year's Day (RPS Closed)
18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (RPS Closed)
22: End of 2nd Nine Weeks and Semester
25: Teacher Planning Day (No School for Students)

☀ TEACHERS

1: New Year's Day (RPS Closed)
18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (RPS Closed)
22: End of 2nd Nine Weeks and Semester
25: Teacher Planning Day

✿ 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

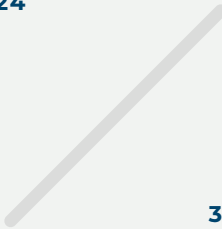
1: New Year's Day (RPS Closed)
18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (RPS Closed)

♥ OBSERVANCES

1: New Year's Day (RPS Closed)



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1  New Years Day  (RPS Closed)  New Years Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  (RPS Closed)	19	20	21	22  End of 2nd Nine Weeks and Semester	23
24 	25  Teacher Planning Day (No School for Students)	26	27	28	29	30 
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FEBRUARY

KEY DATES



STUDENTS

15: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)
16: Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)



TEACHERS

15: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)
16: Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)



12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

15: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)



OBSERVANCES

6: Chinese New Year
8: Ramadan Begins
10: Ash Wednesday
15: Presidents' Day



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	1 ♥ Black History Month	2	3	4	5	6 ♥ Chinese New Year
7	8 ♥ Ramadan Begins	9	10 ♥ Ash Wednesday	11	12	13
14	15 ♦ 🌞 Wellness Day (RPS Closed) ♥ Presidents' Day	16 ♦ Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6 

MARCH

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

10: Eid al-Fitr (RPS Closed)
26: End of Third Nine Weeks
29-31: Spring Break (RPS Closed
for Students & Teachers)

✱ TEACHERS

10: Eid al-Fitr (RPS Closed)
11: After-school Secondary
Caregiver/Parent Conferences
18: After-school Elementary
Caregiver/Parent Conferences
26: End of Third Nine Weeks
29-31: Spring Break (RPS Closed for
Students & Teachers)

✱ 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

10: Eid al-Fitr (RPS Closed)
29: Easter Monday (RPS Closed)

♥ OBSERVANCES

1-30: Women's History Month
26: Good Friday
28: Easter



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	1 ♥ Women's History Month	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ♦ ☀ Eid al-Fitr (RPS Closed) ✱	11 ☀ After-school Secondary Caregiver/Parent Conferences	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 ☀ After-school Elementary Caregiver/Parent Conferences	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 ♦ ☀ End of 3rd Nine Weeks and Semester ♥ Good Friday	27
28 ♥ Easter	29 ♦ ☀ Easter Monday (RPS Closed) ✱	30 ♦ ☀ Spring Break (RPS Closed for Students & Teachers)	31 ♦ ☀ Spring Break (RPS Closed for Students & Teachers)	1	2	3 



APRIL



KEY DATES



STUDENTS

1 & 2: Spring Break (RPS Closed for Students and Teachers)



TEACHERS

1 & 2: Spring Break (RPS Closed for Students and Teachers)



12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

2: Wellness Day (RPS Closed)



OBSERVANCES

21: Passover Begins



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 ◆ 🌻 Spring Break (RPS Closed for Students & Teachers)	2 ◆ 🌻 Spring Break, Wellness Day (RPS Closed)	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 ♥️ Passover Begins	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 



MAY



KEY DATES



STUDENTS

31: Memorial Day (RPS Closed)



TEACHERS

31: Memorial Day (RPS Closed)



12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

31: Memorial Day (RPS Closed)



OBSERVANCES

9: Mothers Day

16: Eid al-Adha Begins



MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 ♥ Mothers Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 ♥ Eid al-Adha Begins	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 ◆☀ Memorial Day ✱ (RPS Closed)	1	2	3	4	5 



JUNE

KEY DATES

◆ **STUDENTS**
4: Last Day of School for All Students

☀ **TEACHERS**
7: Last Day for Teachers

✿ **12-MONTH EMPLOYEES**
11, 18, & 25: Summer Fridays
17: Juneteenth Holiday (RPS Closed)

♥ **OBSERVANCES**
1-30: Pride Month
15: First Day of Muharram Ashura
19: Juneteenth
20: Fathers Day



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 ♥ Pride Month	2	3	4 ♦ Last Day of School for Students	5
6	7 ☀ Last Day for Teachers	8	9	10	11 ✱ Summer Fridays	12
13	14	15 ♥ First Day of Muharram Ashura	16	17 ✱ Juneteenth Holiday (RPS Closed)	18 ✱ Summer Fridays	19 ♥ Juneteenth
20 ♥ Fathers Day	21	22	23	24	25 ✱ Summer Fridays	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 





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