

2026-2027 Spot Observation Guide

Minimum Number of Spots Required

During the 2026-2027 academic school year, all teachers should receive a **minimum of 6 spot observations** annually, with **3** in the fall semester and **3** in the spring semester. For guidance in reference to late hires or teachers on leave, please click here to access the [Spot Observation Guidelines for Late Hires, Transfers, and Leave Guide](#).

The tables below provide a suggested guide for conducting spot observations over the course of the year for teachers who start at the beginning of the year. *On average, one spot observation is required every 6 weeks.*

Grading Period	Date Range	Minimum number of spots required annually if teacher starts within Date Range
Fall Semester Weeks 1-6	8/11/2026 - 9/18/2026	6 spots needed to be on track
Weeks 7-12	9/21/2026 - 10/30/2026	5 spots needed to stay on track
Weeks 13-18	11/2/2026 - 12/18/2026	4 spots needed to be on track
Spring Semester Weeks 1-6	1/6/2027 - 2/12/2027	3 spots needed to be on track
Weeks 7-12	2/15/2027 - 4/2/2027	2 spots needed to be on track
Weeks 13-18	4/5/2027 - 5/14/2027	1 spot needed to stay on track

Extended Holidays

Date(s)	Details
11/23/2026 – 11/25/2026	Thanksgiving Break
12/21/2026 – 1/4/2027	Winter Break
3/15/2027 – 3/19/2027	Spring Break