

2026-2027 Knox County Schools Calendar

Monday, August 3	First Day for Teachers (School Based In-Service Day)
Tuesday August 4	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12)
Wednesday, August 5	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Thursday, August 6	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day)
Friday, August 7	Systemwide In-Service Day (½ Day School-based); Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day); 6th and 9th Grade Orientation
Monday, August 10	First Day for Students (½ Day)
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, September 9	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, September 16	Half Day for Students
Thursday, September 17	Constitution Day (Knox County Schools Open)
Monday, October 5 - Friday, October 9	Fall Break
Friday, October 16	End First 9-weeks Grading Period
Tuesday, November 3	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Tuesday, November 17	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, November 18	Half Day for Students
Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holidays (Knox County Schools Closed)
Friday, December 18	½ Day for Students; End Second 9-weeks Grading Period; End First Semester
Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1	Winter Break
Monday, January 4	Systemwide In-service Day (½ Day School-based; Administrative Day (½ Day Teacher Work Day)
Tuesday, January 5	First Day for Students after Winter Break (Full Day)
Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, January 27	Half Day for Students
Friday, February 5	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Monday, February 15	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Monday, March 8 – Friday, March 12	Spring Break
Friday, March 19	End Third 9-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, March 24	Half Day for Students
Friday, March 26	Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Monday, March 29	Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)
Wednesday, April 7	Systemwide In-Service Day (PreK-12) (Student Holiday)
Friday, April 23	End 4½-weeks Grading Period
Wednesday, May 26	Last Day for Students (½ Day); End Fourth 9-weeks Grading Period; End Second Semester
Thursday, May 27	Administrative Day (Teacher Work Day) – Last Day for Teachers
Friday June 18	Juneteenth Holiday (Knox County Schools Closed)

Calendar Summary

180	Instructional Days*
4	Administrative Days
2	Unscheduled In-Service Days
1	Unscheduled Parent-Teacher Contact Hours Day
6	Scheduled In-Service Days
10	Vacation Days

*In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-6-3004 – 177 student instructional days plus 3 days accumulated under the daily 7-hour schedule.

Note: This calendar allows cancellation of up to 8 instructional days due to inclement weather or serious outbreaks of illness before any make up days will be required.