

Dysart Schools • Summer 2026

Achiever



You're not just going
SOMEWHERE
You're becoming
SOMEONE

Welcome Back!
School Starts August 6.

Need to enroll? Visit ► Dysart.org/Enroll or visit your local school.
Already enrolled? Find important back-to-school details inside.

Dysart Schools is an **"A" RATED DISTRICT!**



Academics

Dysart's top-rated schools offer the best academic options and innovative programs in the area! Students receive a high quality education and have many opportunities to go above and beyond through honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment classes, or by earning specialized credentials such as International Baccalaureate diplomas, or seals of Financial Literacy, Arts, and Civics Literacy. Career and Technical Education (CTE) program options are available at every high school, with exploratory programs at our middle schools. NEW this year is the Marine JROTC program at Willow Canyon High School, as well as a pathway to become an elementary teacher in partnership with local colleges.

Top Honors Include:

- ▶ "A" rated school district for three consecutive years!
- ▶ 100% A or B rated schools by state - 19 "A"s and 5 "B"s!
- ▶ Voted West Valley's Favorite Public School District for fourth year in-a-row!
- ▶ 15 Dysart schools scored in the top 25% statewide
- ▶ 15 of top-ranked 16 elementary schools in El Mirage/ Surprise are Dysart schools
- ▶ #3 and #4 ranked school in AZ for ELA and Math - Freedom Traditional Academy



Arts

Thanks to voter-approved override funding, Dysart offers an expansive arts program that provides students with a well-rounded education. Our K-8 students receive general music and visual arts instruction. Band becomes an option starting in 5th grade, and in high school, visual arts, dance, theater and multiple instrumental and vocal music courses are available. Dysart students lead the state in earning Arizona State Seals of Arts Proficiency, at 274. Each year schools earn numerous top ratings for their bands and choirs at regional and state festivals, solo and ensemble festivals, marching, and choral competitions.

- ▶ Dysart Schools Voted the West Valley's Favorite Music School
- ▶ Shadow Ridge High School Voted the Favorite Performing Arts School
- ▶ Dysart Festival of the Arts Voted West Valley's Favorite Festival (3rd year!)



Athletics

Strong athletic programs, award-winning coaches, and successful athletes abound in Dysart Schools. We offer many choices to our community, starting in middle school, with Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball. High School options expand to add Badminton, Cross Country, Golf, Spiritline, Swim & Dive, Tennis, Track & Field, and Wrestling, as well as competitive athletic classes. With championship teams, Dysart athletics are highly successful.

Notable athletic achievements for 2025-2026:

- ▶ 3 State Championships (Girls Basketball, Unified Badminton, Cheer Partner Stunt)
- ▶ 147 Students Made All-Region 1st or 2nd Teams
- ▶ 27 Players of the Year
- ▶ 7 Coaches of the Year



Freedom Traditional Academy

With the highest test scores of any other school in Surprise and El Mirage, Freedom is the place to be for those looking for a traditional school option. Freedom is a premier K-8 school of choice committed to providing academic excellence through rigorous instruction and an involved family community. Last year Freedom was ranked #3 and #4 in Arizona for ELA and Math Proficiency!

Why choose Freedom?

- ▶ Spalding Reading and Saxon-like Math offered
- ▶ Focus on citizenship
- ▶ Spanish offered at all grade levels
- ▶ Tuition-free K-8 with accelerated options
- ▶ Arts, athletics, extracurriculars
- ▶ Free, full-day kindergarten

Now Enrolling!
FreedomTraditional.org
Or call at 623-523-8650

Early Childhood Education OPPORTUNITIES

Preschool

Dysart offers three preschool programs for children ages 2-5.

- ▶ Growing Minds Preschool is a tuition-based program operated by the Community Education program. Growing Minds has a main site as well as satellite sites at Freedom Traditional Academy, Marley Park, and Mountain View. Visit ▶ [Dysart.org/GrowingMinds](https://dysart.org/GrowingMinds) for details.
- ▶ Developmental Preschool provides special education services to students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in an inclusive setting.
- ▶ Peer Role Model Preschool is a program for typically developing children (who are 3 or 4 years old by December 31, 2026) to serve an important role in the classroom alongside students with developmental disabilities. A tuition rate of \$225/month is charged at non-Title I schools.

Is your Preschooler's Development on Track?

If you are the parent of a preschool child or know of a preschool child with suspected developmental delays, residing within the boundaries of the Dysart Schools, you're eligible for a free Child Find screening. Suspected delays may be evidenced in the areas of communication, cognition, behavior, physical, auditory, visual and/or sensory development. Free screenings and/or diagnostic evaluations help determine those children eligible for special education services. For details and a complete list of screening dates, visit ▶ [Dysart.org/ChildFind](https://dysart.org/ChildFind) or call 623-876-7022 and select option #2 to schedule.



FREE, Full-Day Kindergarten

The Dysart kindergarten program follows Arizona state standards, and offers hands-on, real-life activities in the areas of cognitive, social, and physical development. Special thanks to voter approved override funds for the support of this program. Ready to enroll now? Visit ▶ [Dysart.org/Kindergarten](https://dysart.org/Kindergarten).

School Breakfast & Lunch INFORMATION

Dysart Nutrition Services ensures that students at all schools have fresh, wholesome and nutritious breakfast and lunch options to support their education and focus in class. Learn more about Nutrition Services at ▶ [Dysart.org/Nutrition](https://dysart.org/Nutrition). Menus and nutritional information may be viewed at [Dysart.Nutrislice.com](https://dysart.nutrislice.com).

How to Manage Meal Accounts

All families are encouraged to utilize ▶ SchoolCafe.com to prepay for meals online, view their balances, or place restrictions on purchases. Online payments may take up to 24 hours to post to student accounts. Cash and checks are also accepted for meal purchases in the cafeteria.

CEP Schools with FREE Breakfast and Lunch

These schools qualify through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which is funded by the Arizona Department of Education through the USDA, for free breakfast and lunch for all students.

- ▶ Countryside Elementary School
- ▶ Dysart High School
- ▶ Dysart Middle School
- ▶ El Mirage Elementary School
- ▶ Kingswood Elementary School
- ▶ Luke Elementary School
- ▶ Riverview School
- ▶ Surprise Elementary School
- ▶ Thompson Ranch Elementary
- ▶ Valley Vista High School
- ▶ West Point Elementary School

Free & Reduced Meals / Alternative Income Form

All families at non-CEP schools should complete a Free and Reduced Lunch Application at SchoolCafe.com to help maintain school funding and make sure that qualified families receive this and other benefits. Only one application is required per family, and may be completed at SchoolCafe.com starting in July. All families who are approved for reduced meals will continue to receive free meals through the 2026-2027 school year. Families with students at schools with free breakfast and lunch through the CEP program should complete an Alternative Income Form and submit it to Nutrition Services to help maintain school funding and make sure that qualified families receive this and other benefits.



Meal Prices

Meal Prices	Regular Price	Reduced Price	Adult Price
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$3.00
Elementary Lunch	\$2.75	\$0.40	\$5.00
High School Breakfast	\$1.50	\$0.30	\$3.00
High School Lunch	\$3.00	\$0.40	\$5.00

A la carte and snack items are available for purchase on each campus, and additional meals are available for an added charge. Parents are always welcome to dine with their child, but please be sure to call in advance and check-in at the school office. Adult meals may be purchased for \$3.00 for breakfast or \$5.00 for lunch.

Highly Rated Schools JUST FOR YOU

School starts August 6! Find school information and important start of school dates below. Not sure which of our schools is right for you and your family? Use the School Finder to see which schools are closest to you, or search based on interest, programs or offerings to find the best match for your child! ► [Dysart.org/SchoolFinder](https://dysart.org/SchoolFinder)



KEY DATE: AUGUST 4
Meet the Teacher Night
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Who: Elementary & Middle



KEY DATE: AUGUST 5
Freshman Orientation
Time: 7:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Who: High School Freshman



KEY DATE: AUGUST 11
Open House
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Who: High School

MIDDLE SCHOOLS



Ashton Ranch Middle School
dysart.org/AshtonRanch
Follow us on Social @ARMSMustangs
Principal: Kaseylyn Romero



Dysart Middle School
dysart.org/DysartMiddle
Follow us on Social @DysartEagles
Principal: Monika Krienitz



Cimarron Springs Middle School
dysart.org/CimarronSprings
Follow us on Social @CSMSStallions
Principal: Michael Fowler



Sonoran Heights Middle School
dysart.org/SonoranHeights
Follow us on Social @SHMSHawks
Principal: Amber Luna

HIGH SCHOOLS



Dysart High School
dysart.org/DHS
Follow us on Social @DysartDemons
Principal: Samantha Centeno



Valley Vista High School
dysart.org/VVHS
Follow us on Social @ValleyVistaHS
Principal: Ginger Richards



Shadow Ridge High School
dysart.org/SRHS
Follow us on Social @ShadowRidgeHS
Principal: Antonio Vining



Willow Canyon High School
dysart.org/WCHS
Follow us on Social @WillowCanyonHS
Principal: Lisa Parachini



Sundown Mountain
dysart.org/Sundown
Principal: Anat Mussi

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Asante Preparatory Academy
dysart.org/Asante
Follow us on Social @APARangers
Principal: Emily Dean



Canyon Ridge School
dysart.org/CanyonRidge
Follow us on Social @CRSCougars
Principal: Jill Hoppe



Countryside Elementary School
dysart.org/Countryside
Follow us on Social @CSDESCoyotes
Principal: Chantell McNeese



El Mirage Elementary School
dysart.org/ElMirage
Follow us on Social @ELMESTigers
Principal: Guadalupe Alejos



Freedom Traditional Academy
dysart.org/Freedom
Follow us on Social @FTAFirebirds
Principal: Amy Crow



Kingswood Elementary School
dysart.org/Kingswood
Follow us on Social @KGWESKnights
Principal: Cara Miller



Luke Elementary School
dysart.org/Luke
Follow us on Social @LukeJets
Principal: Charleen Mattingly



Marley Park Elementary School
dysart.org/MarleyPark
Follow us on Social @MPESMavericks
Principal: Jessica Felix



Mountain View School
dysart.org/MountainView
Follow us on Social @MtnViewLions
Principal: Debby Cruz



Rancho Gabriela Elementary School
dysart.org/RanchoGabriela
Follow us on Social @RGESRattlers
Principal: Alicia Ashby



Riverview School
dysart.org/Riverview
Follow us on Social @RVSBarracudas
Principal: Joey Tokhi



Sunset Hills Elementary School
dysart.org/SunsetHills
Follow us on Social @SHESBobcats
Principal: Andrew Griesel



Surprise Elementary School
dysart.org/Surprise
Follow us on Social @SUPESCubs
Principal: Kallie Cashatt



Thompson Ranch Elementary School
dysart.org/ThompsonRanch
Follow us on Social @TRESJaguars
Principal: Ralph Quintana



West Point Elementary School
dysart.org/WestPoint
Follow us on Social @WPTESWildcats
Principal: Amy Mikos



Western Peaks Elementary School
dysart.org/WesternPeaks
Follow us on Social @WPESFalcons
Principal: Stacie Brown

PRESCHOOL



Growing Minds Preschool
dysart.org/growingminds
Follow us on Social @GrowingMindsPreschoolAZ
Child Care Coordinator: Amy Benton

**SCHOOL STARTS
AUGUST 6, 2026**

Stay Connected to your SCHOOL & DISTRICT

Dysart provides parents with several valuable tools to help you communicate with us, stay informed about your student's academic progress and classroom assignments, and make purchases throughout the school year. NEW this year is the "My Ride K-12" bus safety app to keep families informed on their child's bus information. Keep this quick reference of our systems handy so you'll know where to go when you need something!

Must Haves

- ▶ **ParentSquare:** School communications, teacher/coach messages, school events/calendar, notification preferences, respond to absence notices - Get help at [Dysart.org/ParentSquare](https://dysart.org/ParentSquare)
- ▶ **Parent Portal:** Student grades, attendance records, language preferences, contact information at [Dysart.org/ParentPortal](https://dysart.org/ParentPortal)

Helpful Tools ▶ dysart.org/parents

- ▶ **My Ride K-12** - Bus Info and Messaging: Bus stops and information, pick-up/drop off schedule, notifications
- ▶ **Schoology** - Classwork: Classwork and assignment-related information
- ▶ **SchoolCafe.com** - Meal fees
- ▶ **In Touch** - Online Payments

Frequently Asked Questions

How Can I Reduce the Number of Messages I Receive from ParentSquare?

Adjust Your Notification Preferences - We don't want you to get inundated with too many messages, so if you're getting duplicate notifications, take a few minutes to update your preferences. Choose "Digest" to consolidate all post notifications into one, "Instant" to receive each item as it is sent, or turn notifications "Off" for a category. DO NOT turn off School Alerts, as this is how we will send some of our timely and critical alerts to you that you won't want to miss! Please note that due to the urgent nature of emergency alerts and notices, those will always override your preferences.

- ▶ **How to Change Notification Preferences in the App** - Click on the menu in the top left corner, select "Account" and then "Notifications". Use the arrow on the right side of the school name to open the options if it is collapsed.
- ▶ **How to Change Notification Preferences on ParentSquare.com** - Once logged in, click on your name in the top right corner, and select "My Account" in the dropdown. Then select "Notification Settings" in the list of links on the left side bar.

How Can I Update My Contact Info and Language Preferences? -

Visit the Parent Portal at Dysart.org/ParentPortal - Here you can update your contact information (email, phone number), and adjust your language preferences to ensure you are getting notifications in the language you prefer.

How Can I View My Student's Grades and Attendance Records?

Visit the Parent Portal at Dysart.org/ParentPortal

How Can I Contact a Teacher ?

A ParentSquare direct message is the typically the quickest way to contact a teacher. Email is also an option. You can find staff email addresses on each school's website homepage using the "Contact Teachers and Staff" Button.

How Can I Get Help With a Concern or Problem?

Visit our Guide to Solving Problems at Dysart.org/SolveProblems - This resource will identify district staff that would have the most information and ability to assist you. While we hope you always have a positive experience in our district, should a concern arise, we want to make sure you know the proper process for getting it addressed in the most efficient way.

School Safety

With safety as a top priority in our schools and district, we are always working to enhance and improve our efforts. Dysart has strong safety protocols in place, and strong partnerships with local law enforcement and first responders. Over the summer we worked to get new safety equipment installed in our facilities. This includes alert devices and lighting fixtures to support visual notifications when specific safety protocols are in place.

Our district requirements for safety drills exceed the current state requirements and we document the various drills throughout the school year to ensure that all schools are in compliance. Additionally, all Dysart schools continue to have a police officer on campus who has specialized skills and resources to support a safe and secure environment for students and staff.

Each campus has a Threat Assessment Team to investigate potential threats to individuals or the campus, and reports to law enforcement as needed. Staff are trained to follow safety protocols for each type of emergency response such as evacuation, lockdown, modified lockdown, and shelter in place. School Safety Committees on each campus discuss and plan facility safety, bullying, discipline, and emergency response procedures regularly, and schools have a single point of entry for visitors and require sign-ins through the front office.

As a district, we accept reports for safety concerns online at Dysart.org/SafeReport, or through our Safe Schools hotline at 623-876-7009.

Learn more at ▶ Dysart.org/Safety.



REPORT CONCERNS
[DYSART.ORG/SAFEREPORT](https://Dysart.org/SafeReport)
HOTLINE: 623-876-7009

Transportation for DYSART STUDENTS



Dysart offers transportation to and from our schools as a courtesy to our community. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, students who ride the bus will swipe on/off with a bus pass, and the My Ride K-12 app/website will be available so families can get current bus route and schedule information. Check our website for the most up-to-date information and safety precautions. Learn more and view the Bus Stop Locator at [Dysart.org/Transportation](https://dysart.org/Transportation). Bus route information is posted prior to the start of school for general education students.

Is My Child Eligible for Busing?

- ▶ **K-8** - Kindergarten through eighth grade students who are residents within a school attendance area and who live more than one and one-half radial mile from school. Please note this is not applicable to Freedom Traditional School, since it is an open enrollment school.
- ▶ **High School** - Ninth through twelfth grade students who are residents within a school attendance area and who live more than two radial miles from school.
- ▶ **Special Education** - Students with disabilities who require transportation, as indicated in their respective individual education programs. ESS transportation boundaries can be viewed at [Dysart.org/Transportation](https://dysart.org/Transportation) under "Transportation Eligibility".

NEW! "My Ride K-12" Bus Safety App/Website

The Dysart Unified School District will be implementing a new bus safety application for the 2026-2027 school year called "My Ride K-12," to help parents ensure their students are at the right place at the right time. The My Ride K-12 app will allow parents to see their child's bus information, bus stop, and pick-up and drop off times. Parents will also be able to set up transportation notification preferences through the app to know when their child gets on and off the bus and provide automated updates on arrival times.



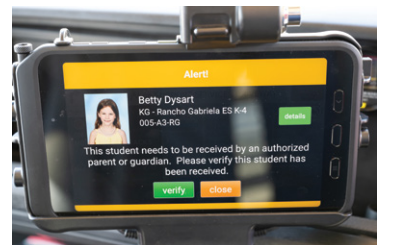
Getting Started with "My Ride K-12"

- ▶ The first step is to visit the app store on your mobile device and download the My Ride K-12 App. An account can also be set up in a web browser by visiting myridek12.tylerapp.com.
- ▶ Once the app has been downloaded, sign up for an account using the primary email address associated with your Dysart Parent Portal account.
- ▶ Next you will add your student(s) through a three-step verification process. First enter the student's district ID number. Next enter the birth date of the student. Finally, enter your primary email address associated with your Dysart Parent Portal account.
- ▶ Once a primary guardian has added a student, they are able to add additional family members who might be responsible for the child. Additionally, parents can add students and provide them access to receive updates.
- ▶ Once all of your students have been added, you can see the details of their bus transportation by clicking on "Details." This allows you to see the bus schedule and when your student(s) scanned on and off the bus. Selecting "Bus Location" provides close to real time pick up and drop off times. Bus estimated times of arrival are available through your notification preferences.
- ▶ To set notification preferences, tap the three horizontal lines or "hamburger menu" in the top left corner. Select settings and then scroll down to notification settings where you can enable ETA reminders and whether the bus is running early or late. A push notification will display on your device alerting you to any pertinent information.



Each student eligible for bus transportation will be issued a personalized Bus Pass ID card. When the student gets on or off the bus, they will scan the card. The bus is equipped with an onboard tablet where the driver will be able to review the scan and ensure the student is getting on the correct bus and getting off at the right stop. This is especially helpful for Kindergarten students who are required to have a guardian present at the bus stop or exit the bus with a sibling in third grade or above.

If no Bus Pass is present, the onboard tablets will have rosters for the driver to access showing which students ride for a particular route. If a student loses their Bus Pass ID Card, a replacement card will be issued. Lost passes could result in a fee. All students will also be issued sleeves and luggage tags that can be used to attach the bus pass to a backpack or lanyard.



Dysart Schools is excited to provide this new transportation safety program for our parents and students. For more information please visit ▶ [Dysart.org/myride](https://dysart.org/myride) or contact our transportation department at q4bus@dysart.org

PROP 421

SUPPORTING FACILITIES & GROWTH

The Dysart Unified School District Governing Board has placed Proposition 421 on the November 3, 2026 ballot to maintain safe, functional learning environments, and support continued growth. Learn the facts and make sure you are registered and ready to vote!

TAX IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY:
\$3 PER MONTH, \$36 PER YEAR

Note: This is an estimate for an average property owner in Dysart based on an estimated \$0.17 tax rate on an average assessed home value of \$215,435.



Last day to register to vote



Early voting begins



Last day to mail your ballot!



Election Day and Ballot drop-offs

Dysart Budget Overview

As a taxpayer-funded organization, we are proud to be fully transparent with our Dysart budget! We want the community to understand and see how we receive and spend money, so we have budget and financial report information readily accessible on our website at Dysart.org/Budget. We're always happy to meet with anyone who has questions or would like more information as well - just let us know what you're looking for!

Understanding School Funding

School funding can get very confusing, very quickly, so we made a brief video to help explain everything. We invite you to take a few minutes to watch it and learn more about the various places we receive funding from, and what restrictions we must follow when making purchases. Scan the QR code below to watch.



Did You Know?

- ▶ **It has been 20 years since a capital funding request was approved for Dysart.** Voters rejected capital funding for Dysart in 2013, 2019, 2024, and again in 2025. The last bond, which was approved in 2006, will be completely phased out of the current tax rate by 2028.
- ▶ **Dysart's capital funding was shorted over \$60 million dollars between 2014 and 2021, a problem that was seen statewide.** Several of those years Dysart received only \$1.4-1.5 million for the entire year, which has impacted our ability to maintain and replace aging facilities, buses and equipment, as those funds also have to cover educational and operational software costs.
- ▶ **Dysart periodically must make boundary and grade configuration changes to offset and adjust for growth based on school capacities.** Most recently, Dysart made boundary adjustments for the 24/25 school year to accommodate rapid growth in the northern part of the district around Asante. This resulted in grade level and boundary changes that impacted three schools. Additional adjustments across the district will likely be necessary again if funds for construction of a new elementary school are not approved by voters, as the community continues to grow.
- ▶ **Portable classroom buildings are being added at Asante to provide additional capacity.** While this is a temporary solution to handle the rapid growth in the area, the hope is that it will allow Dysart to delay another potential boundary and/or grade level change.
- ▶ **Home builders often donate land for elementary schools, however, they cannot be required to fund the school construction.** Arizona law does not allow school districts to require developers to fund school construction. Therefore, even though we have land for an elementary school, funding is still needed to construct the new school - usually through state support or voter-approved capital funding. Home builders do not typically donate enough land to build a high school, therefore districts need capital funding to purchase larger parcels of land for high schools.
- ▶ **School districts receive various funds from both state and federal sources, each with specific legal restrictions on how they can and can not be used.** For example, some funds can only be used for capital item purchases - such as buildings, buses, technology and equipment - while others can only be used for staff salaries and benefits or program costs. A video that helps explain this in greater details is available through the QR code on the opposite page.
- ▶ **Dysart has a longstanding, proven, record of being fiscally responsible and transparent.** Dysart has earned the ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 30 years, and has lower per pupil administration costs (8.5%) than the state average (10.3%). Budget information is always available on the website at Dysart.org/budget.



To learn more about Proposition 421, the Dysart District budget, or to submit arguments for/against, visit
▶ Dysart.org/Prop421.

VOTING INFO
ELECTIONS.MARICOPA.GOV

Get Involved In Your SCHOOL & DISTRICT



Volunteer

Volunteers help to enrich children's learning opportunities, provide individual attention to children who need one-on-one assistance, promote a school-home-community partnership for quality education, provide staff members with more time to work with students, and assist staff members and support personnel with non-instructional tasks. ► [Dysart.org/Volunteer](https://dysart.org/Volunteer)

Donate through the AZ Education Tax Credit

Our community can support Dysart schools and receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. Arizona Law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows married couples filing jointly a tax credit of up to \$400 and individual taxpayers a tax credit of up to \$200 when they contribute to extra-curricular activities in public schools. This tax credit is available to all who reside in Arizona and have a tax liability at least equal to that of their donation. You do not have to be a parent of a child in a Dysart school to benefit from this program. Donors may choose one of four categories and a school to support, and 100% of your donation goes directly where you designate it. Donations may be submitted through tax day each year. ► [Dysart.org/TaxCredit](https://dysart.org/TaxCredit)

Join a Committee

Dysart Schools has district level committees that seek involvement from members of the public. Anyone interested can complete a Committee Interest Form to get involved with one of more available committees.

► [Dysart.org/Committee](https://dysart.org/Committee)

Register to Vote

Make sure you're registered to vote by October 5, and return your mail-in ballot or vote in person on Tuesday, November 3. Visit service.arizona.com/VoterRegistration to register to vote. Dysart has a Bond election on the ballot in November.

► [Dysart.org/Election](https://dysart.org/Election)



2026-2027 Calendar

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First Day for Students - August 6
Labor Day - Sept. 7

K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Oct. 8-9
(½ days for K-8)

Fall Break - Oct. 12-16
Veterans Day (Observed) - Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Recess - Nov. 23-27

High School Final Exams
Dec. 17-18
(½ days for high school)
Early Release - Dec. 18 (½ days K-8)

Winter Break - Dec. 21-Jan. 4
School Resumes - Jan. 5
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 18

K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences - Feb 4-5.
(½ days for K-8)

Presidents Day - Feb. 15
Spring Break - March 15-19
Spring Holiday - April 16
High School Final Exams
May 26-27
(½ days for All Schools)

Last Day for Students - May 27 (½ day for K-8)

K-8 Quarter End/Days
October 9- 46 Days
December 18 - 39 Days
March 12 - 47 Days
May 27 - 48 Days

High School Semesters End/Days December
18- 85 Days
May 27 - 95 Days

Students are dismissed early every Monday beginning
Aug 10 to provide time for teacher professional
development.

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