



UNIVERSAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Pending Board Approval

Date(s)	Calendar Event
July 4	Independence Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
August 4	First Day for Principals, Assistant Principals, Administrative Assistants and Teacher Leaders
August 6– 7	Universal Professional Learning Institute
August 18	First Day for All Teachers and Staff
August 18 – 22	Professional Learning for All Staff, Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
August 25 – 29	Professional Learning for All Staff, Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
August 28	Universal Community Back-to-School Block Party (All Schools)
September 1	Labor Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
September 2	First Day of School for All Scholars (Grades K-12)
September 8 – October 10	Acadience Testing
September 23	Rosh Hashanah (Schools and Offices Closed)
October 2	Yom Kippur (Schools and Offices Closed)
October 9	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Creighton
October 13	Indigenous People's Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
October 16	Interim Reports
October 18	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
October 24	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 4	Election Day/Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 6	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal UICS
November 11	Veterans' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
November 14	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 15	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
November 26	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 27 – 28	Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
December 1 – January 16	Acadience Testing
December 3 – 17	Keystone Exams: Winter Wave 1(Algebra, Biology, and Literature)
December 13	Virtual Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
December 17	Principals and Assistant Principals' Meeting @ Universal Audenried
December 19	Interim Reports
December 22 – January 4	Winter Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)
January 5	Schools and Offices Open (Staff and Scholars)
January 15	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Alcorn
January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
January 24	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

February 6	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
February 16	Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
February 17	Full Day Staff Professional Development (School Closed for Scholars)
February 19	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Vare
February 21	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
March 3	Interim Reports
March 12	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Audenried
March 19	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
March 20	Religious Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
March 30 – April 3	Spring Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)
April 20 – 24	PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) Testing – Grades 3 – 8
April 24	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
April 27 – May 1	PSSA Mathematics, Science and ELA Make-ups – Grades 3 – 8
May 1 – 30	Acadience Testing
May 4 – 8	PSSA Mathematics, Science, Make-ups Grades 3-8
May 8	Interim Reports
May 14	Principals' Meeting – Virtual
May 11 – 22	Spring Keystone Exams (Algebra, Biology, and Literature)
May 19	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
May 25	Memorial Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
May 27	Eid-al-Adha (Schools and Offices Closed)
June 14-15	Graduation/Move-up Day Window
June 17	Last Day for Scholars (Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
June 18	Last Day for Teachers and Staff
June 19	Juneteenth (Schools and Offices Closed)
June 25	Principals' and Assistant Principals' End of Year Celebration
June 30	Last Day for 10-month Principals and Assistant Principals

Total Teacher and Staff Days: 192

Total Scholar Days: 181 (Grades K -12)



2025-2026 Report Card Calendar and Assessment Dates

	First Marking Period (September 2 - November 3)	Second Marking Period (November 4 - January 23)	Third Marking Period (January 26 - April 14)	Fourth Marking Period (April 15 - June 17)
Total Days	43	45	49	44
Grade Verification Begins	November 4	January 26	April 15	June 8
Grade Verification Closes	November 10	February 2	April 20	June 12
Report Cards Printed	November 12	February 4	April 22	June 15
Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences	November 14	February 6	April 24	June 17 (Reports sent or mailed home)
Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, and Literature)				
December 3 – 17		May 11 – 22		
Firefly Benchmarks				
October 20 – 24	December 15 – 19		February 23 – 27	
PSSA Testing				
PSSA ELA: April 20 – 24		PSSA Math, Science and Make-up Testing: April 27 - May 8		
Acadience Testing				
First Administration September 8 – October 10	Mid-Year Progress: December 1 – January 16		Final Administration: May 1 – 30	



2025-2026 Professional Development Dates

	Full Day Professional Development Dates	Half Day Professional Development Dates
August	August 18 – 29	--
September	--	--
October	--	October 24
November	--	November 4 November 14 November 26
December	--	—
January	--	--
February	--	February 6
March	--	March 19
April	--	April 24
May	--	May 19
June	--	June 17



Total Number of Days Scheduled

	Scholar Days	Teacher/Staff Days
August	0	10
September	20	20
October	21	21
November	17	17
December	15	15
January	19	19
February	19	19
March	19	19
April	19	19
May	19	19
June	13	14
Total Days	181	192

