



UNIVERSAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Date(s)	Calendar Event
July 4	Independence Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
August 3	First Day for Principals
August 17	First Day for All Teachers and Staff
August 17 – 21	Professional Learning for All Staff, Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
August 20	Universal Community Back-to-School Block Party (All Schools)
August 24 – 31	Professional Learning for All Staff, Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews
September 1	First Day of School for All Scholars (Grades K-12)
September 7	Labor Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
September 8 – October 9	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBLES) Testing
September 21	Yom Kippur (Schools and Offices Closed)
October 1	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Creighton
October 12	Indigenous People's Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
October 14	Interim Reports
October 17	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
October 23	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 3	Election Day/Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 5	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Institute Charter School
November 11	Veterans' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
November 13	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 14	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
November 25	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
November 26 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
December 1 – January 15	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBLES) Testing
December 7 – 18	Keystone Exams: Winter Wave 1 (Algebra, Biology, and Literature)
December 17	Principals and Assistant Principals' Meeting @ Universal Audenried
December 18	Interim Reports
December 19	Virtual Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
December 21 – January 3	Winter Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)
January 4	Schools and Offices Open (Staff and Scholars)
January 14	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Alcorn
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)

January 23	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
February 5	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
February 15	Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
February 18	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Alcorn
February 20	Virtual Teacher Induction 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
March 3	Interim Reports
March 10	Eid-al-Fitr (Schools and Offices Closed)
March 11	Principals' Meeting/Instructional Rounds @ Universal Institute Charter
March 19	Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
March 20	Virtual Teacher Induction Check-Ins 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
March 22 – 29	Spring Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)
April 23	Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
April 26 – 30	PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) Testing – Grades 3 – 8
May 1 – 30	Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBLES) Testing
May 3–7	PSSA Mathematics, Science and ELA Make-ups – Grades 3 – 8
May 7	Interim Reports
May 10 – 14	PSSA Mathematics, Science, Make-ups Grades 3-8
May 13	Virtual Principals' Meeting
May 17	Eid-al-Adha (Schools and Offices Closed)
May 17 – 28	Spring Keystone Exams (Algebra, Biology, and Literature)
May 18	Half Day Staff Professional Development (Election Day) (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)
May 31	Memorial Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
June 11 – 15	Graduation/Move-up Day Window
June 17	Last Day for Scholars (Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM) / Half Day Staff Professional Development
June 18	Last Day for Teachers and Staff
June 24	Principals' and Assistant Principals' End of Year Celebration
June 30	Last Day for Principals and Assistant Principals

Total Teacher and Staff Days: 193

Total Scholar Days: 181 (Grades K -12)



2026-2027 Report Card Calendar and Assessment Dates

	First Marking Period (September 1 - November 2)	Second Marking Period (November 3 - January 22)	Third Marking Period (January 25 - April 12)	Fourth Marking Period (April 13 - June 16)
Total Days	44	45	49	43
Grade Verification Begins	November 3	January 25	April 13	June 4
Grade Verification Closes	November 9	January 29	April 19	June 9
Report Cards Printed	November 10	February 2	April 20	June 11
Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences	November 13	February 5	April 23	June 16 (Reports sent or mailed home)
Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, and Literature)				
December 7 – 18		May 17 – 28		
Firefly Benchmarks				
October 19 – 23	December 14 – 18		February 22 – 26	
PSSA Testing				
PSSA ELA: April 26 – 30		PSSA Math, Science and Make-up Testing: May 3 - May 14		
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBLES) Testing				
First Administration September 8 – October 9	Mid-Year Progress: December 1 – January 15		Final Administration: May 1 – 30	



2026-2027 Professional Development Dates

	Full Day Professional Development Dates	Half Day Professional Development Dates
August	August 17 – 31	--
September	--	--
October	--	October 23
November	--	November 3 November 13 November 25
December	--	--
January	--	--
February	-	February 5
March	--	March 19
April	--	April 23
May	--	May 18
June	--	June 17



Total Number of Days Scheduled

	Scholar Days	Teacher/Staff Days
August	0	11
September	20	20
October	21	21
November	18	18
December	14	14
January	19	19
February	19	19
March	16	16
April	22	22
May	19	19
June	13	14
Total Days	181	193

