



PAN AMERICAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

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- First and Last Day of School**
- School Closed for Students and Staff**
- School Closed for Students - Full Day for Staff**

EARLY DISMISSALS

- 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff
- 12pm Dismissal for Students/1pm Dismissal for Staff
- 12pm Dismissal for Grades 6-8 - PSSA Exams



Academic Calendar 2026-2027

- First and Last Day of School
- School Closed for Staff and Students
- 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff
- 12pm Dismissal for Students / 1pm Dismissal for Staff
- School Closed for Students - Staff Professional Development (Full Day)
- PSSA Testing

Trimester 1

Dates: 8/31/2026 - 11/27/2026
Instructional Days: 59
Interim Reports Sent Home: 10/14/2026
Report Card Conf: 12/16/2026 - 12/18/2026

Trimester 2

Dates: 11/30/2026 - 3/5/2027
Instructional Days: 57
Interim Reports Sent Home: 1/14/2027
Report Card Conf: 3/17/2027 - 3/19/2027

Trimester 3

Dates: 3/8/2027 - 6/10/2027
Instructional Days: 59
Interim Reports Sent Home: 4/21/2027
Report Cards Sent Home: 6/16/2027

August 2026 *1 Student Days; 15 New Staff Days; 11 Returning Staff Days*

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- 3rd:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 11th-14th:** New Staff Orientation and Teacher Induction
- 17th-28th:** Staff Professional Development (PD)
- 28th:** Annual Back to School Party
- 31st:** First Day of School for Grades 1-8

September 2026 *20 Student Days; 20 Staff Days*

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- 2nd:** First Day of School for Kindergarten
- 4th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students / 1pm Dismissal for Staff
- 7th:** Labor Day; School Closed for Staff & Students
- 14th:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 18th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff
- 21st:** Yom Kippur; School Closed for Staff & Students

October 2026
21 Student Days; 21 Staff Days

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- 12th:** School Closed for Students - Staff PD (Full Day)
- 19th:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 30th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff

⇒ **Additional Important Dates:**
 13th: Indigenous Peoples' Day
 20th: Diwali

November 2026
17 Student Days; 17 Staff Days

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- 3rd:** Election Day 12pm Dismissal for Students / 1pm Dismissal for Staff
- 11th:** Veterans Day Observed - School Closed for Students & Staff
- 16th:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 25th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students / 1pm Dismissal for Staff
- 26th-27th:** Thanksgiving - School Closed for Students & Staff

Additional Important Dates:
 1st: Daylight Saving Time ends

December 2026
15 Student Days; 15 Staff Days

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- 4th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff
- 16th-18th: Report Card Conferences** - 12pm Dismissal for Students
- 21st-31st:** Winter Break - School Closed for Staff & Students

⇒ **Additional Important Dates:**
 4th: Hanukkah Begins
 25th: Christmas Day
 26th: First Night of Kwanzaa

January 2027
18 Student Days; 19 Staff Days

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- 1st:** New Years Day - School Closed for Students & Staff
- 11th:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 15th:** School Closed for Students - Staff PD (Full Day)
- 18th:** MLK Day - School Closed for Students & Staff
- 29th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff

- ⇒ **Additional Important Dates:**
1st: New Year's Day; Last Night of Kwanzaa
6th: Three Kings Day

February 2027
19 Student Days; 19 Staff Days

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- 15th:** Presidents Day; School Closed for Students & Staff
- 22nd:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 26th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff

- ⇒ **Additional Important Dates:**
6th: Lunar New Year
14th: Valentine's Day

March 2027
17 Student Days; 17 Staff Days


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- 10th:** Eid al-Fitr; School Closed for Students & Staff
- 15th:** PAACS School Board Meeting
- 17th-19th: Report Card Conferences - 12pm Dismissal for Students**
- 22nd-26th:** Spring Break; School Closed for Students & Staff

- ⇒ **Additional Important Dates:**
14th: Daylight Savings - Spring Forward

April 2027
21 Student Days; 22 Staff Days

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 **16th:** School Closed for Students - Staff PD (Full Day)


 **19th:** PAACS School Board Meeting


 **28th-30th:** 12pm Dismissal for Grades 6-8 Students

 ⇨ **Additional Important Dates:**
 26th-30th: PSSA Testing for Grades 3-8

May 2027
18 Student Days; 19 Staff Days


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 **3rd-4th:** 12pm Dismissal for Grades 6-8 Students

 **14th:** School Closed for Students - Staff PD (Full Day)

 **17th:** Eid al-Adha: School Closed for Staff & Students

 **24th:** PAACS School Board Meeting


 **28th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students / 1pm Dismissal for Staff

 **31st:** Memorial Day; School Closed for Staff & Students


 ⇨ **Additional Important Dates:**
 5th: National Teacher Appreciation Day
 6th: National Nurses Day

June 2027
12 Student Days; 13 Staff Days


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 **11th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff

 **14-16th:** 12pm Dismissal for Students - Full Day for Staff

 **16th:** Last Day for Students

 **17th:** Last Day for Staff

 **18th:** Observation of Juneteenth; Building Closed

 **27th:** PAACS School Board Meeting

ABOUT THE CALENDAR

<p>First Day of School for Students</p>	<p>11-month employees return on July 27th 10-month employees return on August 17th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff must return by August 17th and attend professional development before students return. <p>Students return before Labor Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting before Labor Day allows charter schools to meet Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) mandates, which require a minimum of 180 instructional days or 900 hours (elementary) / 990 hours (secondary) of instruction per year. An earlier start provides flexibility to accommodate holidays, professional development, and weather-related closures while ensuring compliance with these requirements. Additionally, it helps prevent summer learning loss and allows students to establish routines before high-stakes assessments.
<p>Last Day of School for Students</p>	<p>School ends by June 16th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must attend school through this date.
<p>Religious/Cultural Celebrations</p>	<p>Weekend holidays will not be observed as days off, except when mandated by the State</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Days is a PD Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having school employees work on Indigenous Peoples' Day while giving students the day off allows for valuable professional development, collaborative planning, and training without disrupting instructional time. This approach ensures that teachers and staff can engage in professional learning, curriculum development, and operational planning while students receive a well-deserved break. Additionally, it maintains flexibility in the school calendar to meet mandated instructional time requirements while honoring the day's significance for students and families. <p>Midweek Closures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midweek closures for religious holidays allow students and staff to fully observe significant faith-based practices without academic conflicts. These closures promote inclusivity, respect, and equity while preventing disruptions from absenteeism. Recognizing holidays on their actual dates demonstrates cultural awareness and supports a diverse, inclusive school community.
<p>Professional Development</p>	<p>New Staff, Teacher Induction & August Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New staff require professional development days to be introduced to the school's culture, policies, procedures, and expectations. These additional days provide time for thorough training on curriculum, technology, and classroom management, as well as an opportunity to build relationships with colleagues. This year, we will have teachers participating in both the First Year Induction Program and the Second Year Induction Program. Participating in this Induction Program is a requirement when applying for Level II certification. Returning staff are familiar with the school's routines but still benefit from extra time to update their skills, learn about any changes (such as curriculum or policy updates), and engage in team-building activities. The PD days for them allow for deeper professional growth and preparation for the upcoming school year. <p>Additional PD Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional PD days throughout the year allow staff to continuously develop their skills, reflect on their practices, and collaborate with colleagues. These days help address emerging challenges, stay up to date on best practices, and support ongoing professional development. Regular PD opportunities foster ongoing growth, ultimately benefiting both educators and students.
<p>Early Dismissals</p>	<p>Data Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These early dismissals for students give instructional staff dedicated time to consistently review and analyze student data, allowing them to identify trends, assess progress, and adjust teaching strategies accordingly. This regular, focused time fosters collaboration and enables educators to make data-driven decisions to improve instruction, address

student needs, and support better outcomes throughout the year. These days also offer an opportunity to provide targeted SEL after-school activities for our students who need them most.

Student Community Meetings

- Using a scheduled early dismissal day for community meetings allows schools to dedicate focused time to fostering strong relationships and addressing key social-emotional topics. It provides students with an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations without the pressure of academic tasks. By setting aside this time, students can build connections with peers, discuss important school values, and reflect on their experiences, creating a supportive and inclusive school culture. The structured time ensures staff can guide these discussions effectively, fostering a positive environment for students and enabling an efficient wrap-up of the school day.

Staff Early Dismissals Prior to Holiday

- Dismissing staff early before a holiday or break is a great way to show appreciation for their hard work and to allow them time to prepare for the upcoming time off. It offers employees a chance to relax, decompress, and spend quality time with family or friends without work-related pressure.

Report Card Conferences

- Early student dismissals during report card conferences allow teachers and parents to have dedicated time for meaningful discussions about a student's progress. This scheduling ensures that parents can attend conferences without conflicting with regular school hours, leading to more thorough and productive conversations. It also gives teachers time to focus on individual student needs, providing personalized feedback and setting goals for improvement. Additionally, it reduces classroom disruptions, ensuring a more focused and engaging environment during the conferences. Early dismissals for these events promote strong home-school partnerships and support student growth.

Half Days During Last Week of School

- Early dismissals during the last week of school offer an opportunity to wrap up the year in a relaxed, organized manner. It allows teachers and staff time to finalize grades, prepare classrooms for the next year, and conduct end-of-year activities without feeling rushed. For students, it offers a smooth transition into the summer break, reducing stress and providing time to reflect on their accomplishments. Early dismissals also allow families to begin their summer plans or travel. Overall, it helps create a positive end to the school year, promoting both academic reflection and well-being.

Winter Break

10 days off for Winter Break

- A 10-day winter break for students and staff provides ample time for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. It helps prevent burnout by allowing everyone to recharge after the first part of the school year. This extended break supports mental and physical well-being, which in turn can improve productivity, focus, and overall morale when school resumes. Additionally, it gives families the opportunity to spend quality time together during the holiday season. For staff, it offers time to prepare for the second semester, reflect on teaching strategies, and return to work refreshed and ready to tackle new challenges.

Miscellaneous

Annual Back-to-School Party in August

- It is important for all staff to attend the Annual Back-to-School Party because it fosters a sense of unity and collaboration across the team. This event provides an opportunity for staff to connect outside of the classroom or office, strengthening interpersonal relationships and building a positive school culture. It also sets a welcoming tone for the upcoming school year, demonstrating a shared commitment to student and school community success. By attending, staff can model enthusiasm and school spirit, which can positively impact student engagement and morale.

Back to School Night in September

- Back-to-School Night is important because it creates an opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to connect and set expectations for the upcoming school year. It allows parents to meet their child's teachers, learn about the curriculum, and understand classroom policies and procedures. This event fosters open communication between families and the school, strengthening the home-school partnership. For students, it provides an opportunity to show their parents their school environment and to feel supported by both their educators and their family. Ultimately, Back-to-School Night sets

the tone for a successful, collaborative year ahead.

Family Nights and Schoolwide Activities

- While some evening events require all staff to attend, such as those mentioned above, others are voluntary. These family-focused events include, but are not limited to: October Reading Celebration, Family Bingo Night, Family Movie Night, Black History Talent Show, Family Game Night, and Fiesta Fusion. There are other events held after school hours that help celebrate our students' success. These student celebrations include, but are not limited to: PBIS trimester award activities and Readers Red Carpet.