

# 2023-2024 Proposed Academic Calendar for Elementary and High Schools



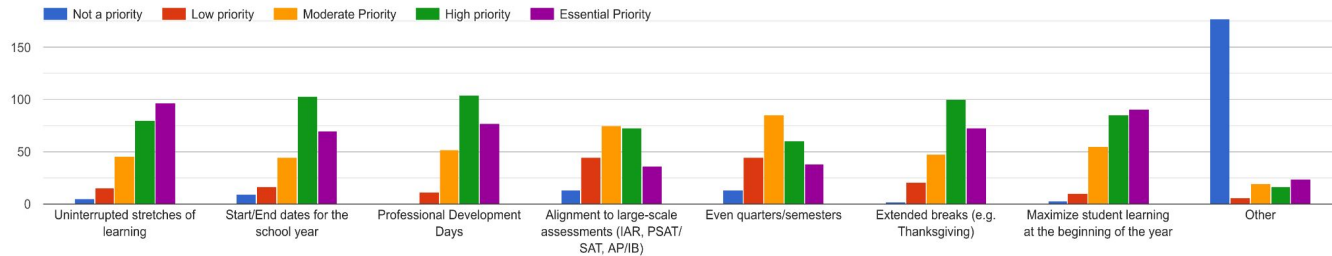
# Stakeholder Engagement Overview

To create the proposed calendar, the Office of Teaching and Learning convened multiple groups for input through surveys, focus groups, and feedback sessions. These groups consisted of:

- Principals
- Chicago Teachers Union
- Parents
- Community Members

Principals indicated that the top two factors to drive the calendar should focus on uninterrupted stretches of learning and maximizing learning at the beginning of the year.

In your opinion, the number one priority in adjusting the school calendar is:



# Stakeholder Engagement

## Feedback Summary

Overall, all groups indicated a desire to achieve **consistency** with the current school calendar. Therefore, the development of the SY 24 calendar:

- Maintains the additional two professional learning days incorporated in the SY22-23 calendar
- Maintains ending Semester 1 before Winter Break
- Includes longer stretches of uninterrupted learning
- Adjusts the date of the district's Fall Parent-Teacher Conference so that it was one week after the quarter ends
- Adjusts the third quarter School Improvement Day to the day after Spring Break
- Rebrands Report Card Pick-Up days to Parent-Teacher Conferences

The district posted the proposed calendar on the **Board website for public comment from January 17 - January 25** for additional stakeholder feedback.



# Calendar Features

## Student Start Date:

- Monday, August 21, 2023

## Student End Date:

- Thursday, June 6, 2024

## End of First Semester:

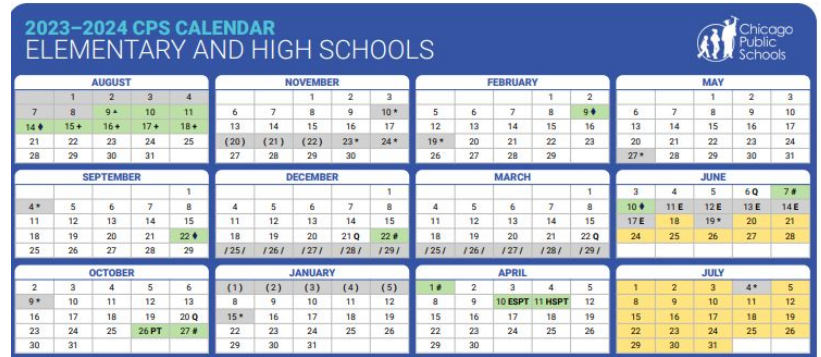
- Prior to Winter Break on Thursday, December 21, 2023

## Number and Categories of Days:

- 176 days of instruction for students
- 12 professional learning days for teachers and school-based staff (same as current school year)
- 10 holidays
- One parent-teacher conference day for both high school (HS) and elementary school (ES) students in the fall of 2023 and separate parent-teacher conference days in the spring of 2024
- Two weeks of winter vacation and one week of spring vacation

## Additional Notable Features

- No student instruction during the entire week of Thanksgiving
- Veterans Day will be an observed holiday for SY23-24.



The image shows a calendar grid for the 2023-2024 school year for Chicago Public Schools. The calendar is titled "2023-2024 CPS CALENDAR ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS" and includes the Chicago Public Schools logo. The calendar is organized by month, with each month's grid showing days of the week and specific dates. Key dates are highlighted in various colors: green for professional learning days (e.g., 9\*, 10\*, 14#, 15+, 16+, 17+, 18+ in August; 10\* in November; 10# in February; 22# in December; 1# in April), yellow for parent-teacher conference days (e.g., 17E, 18, 19\* in June), and blue for holidays (e.g., 1# in January; 10 ESPT, 11 HSPT in April). The calendar also indicates school breaks, such as the winter break from December 25 to January 2, and the spring vacation from June 3 to June 6.



# Summary of Public Comments

*In line with the the district's Equity Framework and our commitment to inclusive partnerships, when analyzing this data we sought to prioritize the perspectives and voices of stakeholders most impacted by our decisions and those responsible for implementing and driving change.*

- ❖ Overall, the district received more than **2,500** comments on the proposed calendar.
- ❖ In line with the board comment process, constituents were not asked to approve calendar, but rather, offer comments to the proposal.
- ❖ The largest groups of identified stakeholders were parents and teachers at roughly 400 and 200 respectively.
- ❖ A majority of respondents did not identify their constituent type.
- ❖ The following chart shows the breakdown of responses by number and overall comment category.



# Responses by Stakeholders

Out of 2575 responses, 2332 gave applicable feedback or suggestions

Stakeholder	Positive Comments	Concern of earlier start	Other (general questions)	Total
Teacher	112	27	56 (payroll)	<b>195</b>
Parent/Guardian	184	119	87 (Fall/Spring PT Conference)	<b>390</b>
Administrators	4	0	9 (uneven quarters)	<b>13</b>
Other Stakeholders	38	13	20 (general, unique)	<b>71</b>
Unidentified	897	328	438 (uneven quarters, PT Conference, Thanksgiving week)	<b>1663</b>
Totals	1235	487	610	<b>2332</b>



# Adjustments from Public Comment

Based on public comments received, the district adjusted the following:

- Clarified Thanksgiving week is non-attendance for students and teachers
- Changed the 1st quarter Parent Conference to Thursday 10/26 and 10/27 to School Improvement Day
- Clearly indicated the 3rd quarter parent-teacher conferences are two separate days (ES 4/10 and HS 4/11)

## Outstanding Comments:

- Uneven quarters: *This is a valid concern, but discussed in multiple feedback sessions and overwhelming, people prefer to end the semester at Winter Break at the cost of uneven quarters.*
- Payroll Conversation. *This is broader than the calendar but all parties are aware of the challenge.*



# Thank you

