

**2026/2027 Program Year Calendar**  
**Early Childhood Education Center-Based Program**

| When                                                                                              | Reason                                                                                                                                | Explanation                                                                            | Days in Session |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>August 2026</b><br>Mon Aug 17*<br>Tues Aug 18*<br>Weds Aug 19*<br>Thurs Aug 20-Mon Aug31       | ECE Staff in Person Preparation & Parent Visitation Days and Professional Development Days                                            | Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed                                     | 11              |
| <b>September</b><br>Tues Sept 1-Thurs Sept 3<br><br>Fri Sept 4<br>Mon Sept 7                      | ECE Staff in Person Preparation & Parent Visitation Days and Professional Development Days<br><br>ECE Classes Begin Labor Day         | Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br><br>Classes Open<br>Classes Closed                 | 15              |
| <b>October</b><br>Fri Oct 9                                                                       | ECE Staff in Person Professional Development Day*                                                                                     | Classes Closed                                                                         | 17              |
| <b>November</b><br>Weds Nov 11<br>Mon-Tues Nov 23-24<br>Weds Nov 25<br>Thurs Nov 26<br>Fri Nov 27 | Veterans' Day<br>ECE Staff in-person workdays<br>Records Day<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>Thanksgiving Recess                               | Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed | 11              |
| <b>December</b><br>Mon Dec 21 –Thurs Dec 31                                                       | Winter Recess                                                                                                                         | Classes Closed                                                                         | 12              |
| <b>January 2027</b><br>Fri Jan 1<br>Mon Jan 4<br>Tues Jan 5<br>Fri Jan 15*<br><br>Mon Jan 18      | New Years Day<br>ECE Staff Return in Person<br>Classes Resume<br>ECE in Person Professional Development Day<br>Martin Luther King Day | Classes Closed<br>Classes Closed<br><br>Classes Closed<br><br>Classes Closed           | 15              |
| <b>February</b><br>Mon Feb 15                                                                     | Presidents' Day                                                                                                                       | Classes Closed                                                                         | 16              |

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| <b>March</b><br>Mon-Tues March 8-9*          | ECE Staff in Person Workdays                 | Classes Closed | 14 |
| Fri March 26                                 | ECE Staff in Person Workday                  | Classes Closed |    |
| Mon March 29-Weds March 31                   | Spring Recess                                | Classes Closed |    |
| <b>April</b><br>Thurs April 1- Thurs April 2 | Spring Recess Continued                      | Classes Closed | 16 |
| Mon April 5<br>Tues April 6                  | ECE Staff Return in Person<br>Classes Resume | Classes Open   |    |
| <b>May</b><br>Fri May 21                     | Last Day of In Person Classes                | Classes Open   | 12 |
| Mon-Thurs May 24-27                          | ECE Staff in Person Workdays                 | Classes Closed |    |
| Friday, May 28                               | Memorial Day Observed                        | Classes Closed |    |

**ECE Bus Drivers/Bus Assistants:**

Aug 17: In-service Day for Transportation

Aug 18-19: Route prep and dry run (all drivers/assistants)

Oct 9: Professional Development Day (all drivers/assistants)

Jan 15: Professional Development Day (all drivers/assistants)

Mar 9: Professional Development Day (ECE Bus drivers/assistants)

\*\*If make-up days are required for calamity days, they will be scheduled after the school year ends, beginning on June 1, 2027, unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent due to extenuating circumstances.

\*\*\*If the Columbus City schools approved calendar for the 2026-27 school year indicates a different spring break recess or their school year begins on a different week, or if emergencies or for other program goals emerge, this calendar may be revised by the Superintendent.

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