

Universal Institute Charter School Calendar 2025-2026



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AUGUST 2025

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- Holiday
- Recess / Non-Studying
- Start of Grading Period
- End of Grading Period
- Testing Start
- Testing End
- Early Release
- Other



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JULY 2025

- Jul 4 Independence Day (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Federal holiday - schools and offices closed.

AUGUST 2025

- Aug 4 First Day for Principals, Assistant Principals, Administrative Assistants and Teacher Leaders**
First work day for school leaders and admin staff.
- Aug 6 – 7 Universal Professional Learning Institute**
Professional learning institute for staff.
- Aug 18 First Day for All Teachers and Staff**
All teachers and staff report for the start of year activities.
- Aug 18 – 22 Professional Learning for All Staff; Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews (Week 1)**
Staff professional learning and kindergarten interviews.
- Aug 25 – 29 Professional Learning for All Staff; Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews (Week 2)**
Continued staff professional learning and kindergarten interviews.
- Aug 28 Universal Community Back-to-School Block Party (All Schools)**
Community event for all schools.

SEPTEMBER 2025

- Sep 1 Labor Day (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Schools and offices closed for Labor Day.
- Sep 2 First Day of School for All Scholars / First Marking Period Begins**
First day of school for scholars (Grades K-12) and start of the first marking period.
- Sep 8 Acadience Testing Begins (Fall Window)**
Acadience testing window begins (Fall administration).
- Sep 23 Rosh Hashanah (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Religious holiday - schools and offices closed.

OCTOBER 2025

- Oct 10 Acadience Testing Ends (Fall Window)**
Fall Acadience testing window ends.
- Oct 2 Yom Kippur (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Religious holiday - schools and offices closed.
- Oct 9 Principals' Meeting / Instructional Rounds @ Universal Creighton**
Principals' meeting and instructional rounds at Universal Creighton.
- Oct 13 Indigenous People's Day (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Schools and offices closed for Indigenous People's Day.
- Oct 16 Interim Reports Distributed**
Interim reports issued to families.
- Oct 18 Virtual Teacher Induction**
Virtual induction session for teachers (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).
- Oct 24 Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)**
Half day professional development; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.
- Oct 20 Firefly Benchmarks Begins (Fall Window)**
Firefly benchmark testing window begins (Oct 20–24).

NOVEMBER 2025

- Nov 4 Election Day / Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)**
Half day for students; staff PD on Election Day.
- Nov 6 Principals' Meeting / Instructional Rounds @ Universal UICS**
Principals' meeting and instructional rounds at Universal UICS.
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Schools and offices closed for Veterans' Day.
- Nov 14 Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)**
Parent/teacher conferences; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.
- Nov 15 Virtual Teacher Induction**
Virtual induction session for teachers (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).
- Nov 26 Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)**
Half day PD; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.
- Nov 27 – 28 Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Thanksgiving holiday break; schools and offices closed.
- Nov 4 Grade Verification Begins (Second Marking Period)**
Grade verification opens for the second marking period.
- Dec 15 Firefly Benchmarks Ends (Fall Window)**
Placeholder event for Firefly fall window end (see December window)

DECEMBER 2025

- Dec 1 Acadience Testing Begins (Mid-Year Window)**
Acadience mid-year testing window begins (Dec 1 – Jan 16).
- Dec 3 Keystone Exams: Winter Wave Begins (Algebra, Biology, Literature)**
Winter Keystone exams begin for designated courses.
- Dec 17 Keystone Exams: Winter Wave Ends**
Winter Keystone exam window ends.
- Dec 13 Virtual Induction**
- Dec 17 Principals and Assistant Principals' Meeting @ Universal Audenried**
Leadership meeting at Universal Audenried.
- Dec 19 Interim Reports Distributed**
Interim reports issued to families.
- Dec 22 – Jan 4 Winter Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Winter recess: schools and offices closed across the break.
- Dec 15 Firefly Benchmarks (Winter Window Begins)**
Firefly benchmark testing mid-year window (Dec 15–19) begins.
- Dec 3 – 17 Keystone Exams: Winter Wave (continued)**
Full winter Keystone exam window (Algebra, Biology, and Literature).

JANUARY 2026

- Jan 16 Acadience Testing Ends (Mid-Year Window)**
Mid-year Acadience testing window closes.
- Jan 5 Schools and Offices Reopen (Staff and Scholars)**
Schools and offices reopen after winter recess.
- Jan 15 Principals' Meeting / Instructional Rounds @ Universal Alcorn**
Leadership meeting and instructional rounds at Universal Alcorn.
- Jan 19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)**
Schools and offices closed for MLK Day.
- Jan 24 Virtual Teacher Induction**
Virtual induction session for teachers (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).
- Jan 23 Second Marking Period Ends (Grade Verification close soon)**
Last day of the second marking period.
- Jan 26 Third Marking Period Begins**
First day of the third marking period.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb 6 Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)

Parent/teacher conferences; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.

Feb 16 Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)

Schools and offices closed for Presidents' Day.

Feb 17 Full Day Staff Professional Development (School Closed for Scholars)

Full-day PD; school closed for scholars.

Feb 19 Principals' Meeting / Instructional Rounds @ Universal Vare

Leadership meeting and instructional rounds at Universal Vare.

Feb 21 Virtual Teacher Induction

Virtual induction session for teachers (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM).

Feb 23 Firefly Benchmarks Begins (Winter Window)

Firefly benchmark testing begins (Feb 23–27).

MARCH 2026

Mar 3 Interim Reports Distributed

Interim reports issued to families.

Mar 12 Principals' Meeting / Instructional Rounds @ Universal Audenried

Leadership meeting and instructional rounds at Universal Audenried.

Mar 19 Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)

Half day PD; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.

Mar 20 Religious Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)

Religious holiday; schools and offices closed.

Mar 30 – Apr 3 Spring Recess (Schools and Offices Closed)

Spring recess; schools and offices closed during the week.

APRIL 2026

Apr 14 Third Marking Period Ends

Last day of the third marking period.

Apr 15 Fourth Marking Period Begins

First day of the fourth marking period.

Apr 20 PSSA English Language Arts (ELA) Testing Begins

PSSA ELA testing window begins for grades 3–8 (Apr 20–24).

Apr 24 Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)

Parent/teacher conferences; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.

Apr 27 PSSA Math, Science and Make-ups Begin (Grades 3–8)

PSSA math, science and make-up testing window begins (Apr 27 – May 8).

MAY 2026

May 8 PSSA Math, Science and Make-ups End

PSSA math, science and make-up testing window ends.

May 1 Acadience Testing Begins (Final Administration)

Final Acadience administration begins (May 1–30).

May 8 Interim Reports Distributed

Interim reports issued to families.

May 11 Spring Keystone Exams Begin (Algebra, Biology, Literature)

Spring Keystone exam window begins for designated courses (May 11–22).

May 14 Principals' Meeting – Virtual

Virtual principals' meeting.

May 19 Half Day Staff Professional Development (All Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)

Half day PD; students dismissed at 12:00 PM.

May 25 Memorial Day (Schools and Offices Closed)

Schools and offices closed for Memorial Day.

May 27 Eid-al-Adha (Schools and Offices Closed)

Religious holiday; schools and offices closed.

May 30 Acadience Testing Ends (Final Administration)

Final Acadience administration ends.

May 22 Spring Keystone Exams End

Spring Keystone exam window ends.

JUNE 2026

Jun 14 – 15 Graduation/Move-up Day Window

Window for graduation and move-up ceremonies.

Jun 17 Last Day for Scholars (Scholars Dismissed at 12:00 PM)

Last day of school for scholars; dismissal at 12:00 PM.

Jun 18 Last Day for Teachers and Staff

Last contracted day for teachers and staff.

Jun 19 Juneteenth (Schools and Offices Closed)

Juneteenth observed; schools and offices closed.

Jun 25 Principals' and Assistant Principals' End of Year Celebration

End-of-year celebration for principals and assistant principals.

Jun 30 Last Day for 10-month Principals and Assistant Principals

Last contracted day for 10-month principals and assistant principals.