The Grimes Brief

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The DCG 2026-27 school calendar: every no-school day, early out, conference, and break on one screen.

The short version School started **Monday, August 24, 2026** (preschool August 31). Winter break is **December 21 through January 1**. Spring break is **March 15 to 19**, and the Friday before it is off too. The last day is **Friday, May 28, 2027**, unless snow days push it back. Almost every **Wednesday is a 1:00 pm early out**.

August 2026

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Aug 11 to 13	Tue to Thu	Staff only	New teacher orientation (no students)
Aug 17 to 21	Mon to Fri	Staff only	All-staff professional development (no students)
Aug 24	Mon	First day	First day of school, TK through grade 12
Aug 26	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Aug 31	Mon	First day	First day of preschool

September 2026

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Sep 2	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Sep 7	Mon	No school	Labor Day holiday
Sep 9	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Sep 16	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Sep 23	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Sep 30	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm

October 2026

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Oct 1	Thu	Conferences	DCG High School parent/teacher conferences
Oct 7	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Oct 14	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Oct 21	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Oct 23	Fri	Term	End of 1st quarter
Oct 26	Mon	Teacher workday	Teacher workday, no school PK-12
Oct 27	Tue	Term	Start of 2nd quarter
Oct 28	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm

November 2026

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Nov 4	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Nov 9	Mon	Conferences	Grades PK-8 parent/teacher conferences, 4 to 8 pm
Nov 11	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Nov 12	Thu	Conferences	Grades PK-8 parent/teacher conferences, 4 to 8 pm
Nov 13	Fri	No school	Teacher comp day
Nov 18	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Nov 25 to 27	Wed to Fri	Break	Thanksgiving holiday, no school

December 2026

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Dec 2	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Dec 9	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Dec 10	Thu	Conferences	DCG High School parent/teacher conferences
Dec 16	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Dec 21 to 31	Mon to Thu	Break	Winter break, no school

January 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Jan 1	Fri	Break	Winter break, no school
Jan 6	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Jan 13	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Jan 14	Thu	Term	End of 2nd quarter and 1st semester
Jan 15	Fri	Teacher workday	Teacher workday, no school PK-12
Jan 18	Mon	No school	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (staff PD)
Jan 19	Tue	Term	Start of 3rd quarter and 2nd semester
Jan 20	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Jan 27	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm

February 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Feb 3	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Feb 10	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Feb 17	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Feb 24	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Feb 26	Fri	Grade split	Alternate teacher workday: PK-6 no school, grades 7-12 in session

March 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Mar 3	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Mar 4	Thu	Conferences	DCG High School parent/teacher conferences
Mar 8	Mon	Conferences	Grades PK-8 parent/teacher conferences, 4 to 8 pm
Mar 10	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Mar 11	Thu	Conferences	Grades PK-8 parent/teacher conferences, 4 to 8 pm
Mar 12	Fri	No school	Teacher comp day
Mar 15 to 19	Mon to Fri	Break	Spring break, no school
Mar 24	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Mar 26	Fri	Term	End of 3rd quarter
Mar 29	Mon	Grade split	Alternate teacher workday: PK-6 in session, grades 7-12 no school
Mar 30	Tue	Term	Start of 4th quarter
Mar 31	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm

April 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Apr 7	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Apr 14	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Apr 21	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Apr 28	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
Apr 29	Thu	Conferences	DCG High School parent/teacher conferences

May 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
May 5	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
May 12	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
May 19	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
May 21	Fri	Graduation	Graduation Day
May 26	Wed	Early dismissal	Early dismissal, 1:00 pm
May 28	Fri	Last day	Last day of school (if no snow days); end of 4th quarter and 2nd semester
May 31	Mon	No school	Memorial Day holiday

June 2027

DATE	DAY	WHAT	DETAIL
Jun 1 to 2	Tue to Wed	Teacher workday	Teacher workday, no school (after the last student day)

Early dismissal is 1:00 pm (12:30 pm at Oak View). No preschool on Wednesdays. Snow days may be added to the end of the year. No school · Early dismissal · Conferences · Grade split · Staff only

Sources: Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District 2026-2027 School Year Calendar, board approved January 26, 2026 (dcgschools.com PDF). Every date above is transcribed from that document, including the early dismissals, conferences, term dates, and the snow-day note. Johnston CSD dates are not listed here; see johnstoncsd.org. Last checked September 2026. Updated September 2026.