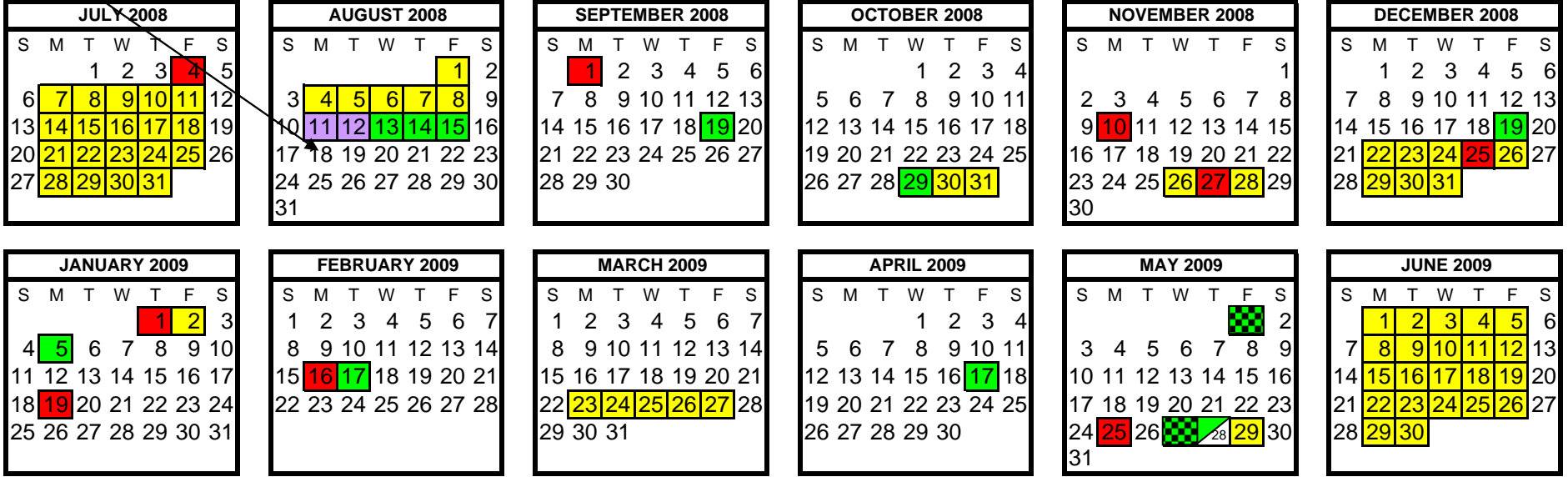


*First day of school*

# DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2008-2009 School Year Calendar

Adopted by School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver and the State of Colorado



- No Classes for Students**  
Professional Days  
 August 13  
 September 19; December 19 (Grading of Benchmark Assessments)  
Planning Days  
 August 14, 15; January 5; February 17  
1/2 Planning and 1/2 Focus on Student Achievement Day  
 April 17 (1/2 day District directed)  
Parent/Teacher Conference Day -- Week of October 27 is parent/teacher conference week.  
 October 29 (Schools may modify the daily schedule for parent/teacher conference to meet the needs of the school community. Schools will also determine date and time for parent/teacher conference during 2nd semester.)
  - Early Release Day**  
1/2 Planning Day  
 May 28
  - Vacation/No Classes**
  - MS/HS Walk-in Registration**  
 August 11, 12
  - Holidays**  
 Independence Day - July 4  
 Labor Day - September 1  
 Veterans' Day - November 11  
 (Observed November 10)  
 Thanksgiving Day - November 27  
 Christmas Day - December 25  
 New Year's Day - January 1  
 Martin Luther King - January 19  
 Presidents' Day - February 16  
 Cesar Chavez Day - March 31  
 (Observed March 23)  
 Memorial Day - May 25
  - Assessment Days**  
 May 1, 27 (Will be used for individual and/or small group assessments or other assessment-related activities.)
- No Classes for Elementary, K-8, and Middle School Students on May 1**  
**No Classes for High School Students on May 27**

<b>Semester Dates</b>	<b>Student Report Days</b>	<b>Teacher Report Days</b>	<b>End of Term-To be followed by Report Cards</b>
First Semester Begins 8/18; Ends 12/19	80 Days	86 Days	ES, ECE-8 and MS -- Trimester: November 7; February 20; May 28
Second Semester Begins 1/5; Ends 5/28	91.5 Days	96 Days	6-12, and HS -- 6 Weeks: Sept. 26; Nov. 7; Dec. 19; February 13; April 3; May 28
	171.5 Total Days	182 Total Days	6-12, and HS -- 9 Weeks: October 17; December 19; March 6; May 28
<b>Mid-term and End of Course Assessments</b>	<b>Benchmark Assessments</b>		
December 8-18; May 11-26	September 8-18; December 1-11; April 20-30		

The Calendar for the 2008-2009 school year is adopted by the Board of Education subject to the provision that if for any reason the School District must close schools for more than the time provided by the statutes, the adopted 2008-2009 calendar may be amended by the Board of Education to provide enough additional school days on Saturdays, during vacation, or at the end of the present calendar to meet legal requirements as required by the statutes.

