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## **2026 - 2027 School Calendar**

### **Kansas State School for the Blind**

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#### **August 2026**

- 10 NO STUDENTS - Teacher Work Day
- 11 - 13 NO STUDENTS - Teacher Professional Development
- 16 KSSB Enrollment Day
- 17 First Day of School (Q1 Begins)

#### **September 2026**

- 7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 19 Kansas Blind All Stars Foundation 5K Event

#### **October 2026**

- 15 Thursday Early Dismissal  
Expanded Core on the Road - White Cane Day  
Parent Teacher Conferences (Q1 Ends)
- 16 NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 19 Classes Resume (Q2 Begins)
- 22 Thursday Early Dismissal
- 23 NO STUDENTS - Vision Symposium

#### **November 2026**

- 23 - 27 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

#### **December 2026**

- 17 Thursday Early Dismissal (Q2 Ends)
- 18 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
- 21 - 31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

## **January 2027**

- 1 NO SCHOOL - New Year's Day
- 4 First Day of Spring Semester (Q3 Begins)
- 18 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 28 *Celebrate Access: Braille and Beyond (Wichita)*

## **February 2027**

- 4 *Celebrate Access: Braille and Beyond (Kansas City)*
- 15 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

## **March 2027**

- 11 Thursday Early Dismissal (Q3 Ends)  
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12 NO STUDENTS - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 15 - 19 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 22 Classes Resume (Q4 Begins)
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Easter Holiday Extension

## **May 2027**

- 13 Graduation (Last Day of School for Seniors)
- 20 Thursday Early Dismissal  
Last Day of School (Q4 Ends)
- 21 NO STUDENTS - Teacher Work Day

## **June 2027**

- 3 NO STUDENTS - Extended School Year (ESY) Orientation

## **Important Campus Information and Contacts**

### **Typical Campus Schedule**

- Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Campus is closed
- Sunday, Dorm opens at 3 p.m.

### **Early Dismissal Days**

Classes dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays and on five Thursdays during the school year.

- Thursday, October 15
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, March 11
- Thursday, December 17
- Thursday, May 20

### **Monday Dorm Open Days**

When school is out on a Monday, the dorm will open at 3 p.m. on those Mondays.

- Monday, September 7
- Monday, January 18
- Monday, February 15
- Monday, March 29

### **Communicating Absences**

Parents or Guardians must report all student absences, late arrivals, and early pick ups to the school office by phone or email: [jtufts@kansasblind.gov](mailto:jtufts@kansasblind.gov).

### **School Quarters**

- First Quarter (Q1) August 17 - October 15
- Second Quarter (Q2) October 19 - December 17
- Third Quarter (Q3) January 4 - March 11
- Fourth Quarter (Q4) March 22 - May 20

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

- Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12
- Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16

### **Inclement Weather Practices**

Administrators carefully review radar and weather reports from areas within our state-wide commuting radius. Although KSSB may stay open, we encourage families to prioritize safety and avoid traveling in dangerous conditions.

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If school administrators determine that weather conditions threaten the safety of our students, staff, and/or transportation professionals, KSSB will close.

Closures are communicated directly to families and staff by text and email. KSSB also reports closures to KCTV5 and/or KSHB-TV, and publishes notices to our front page at [kansasblind.gov](https://kansasblind.gov) and in our social media feed at [Facebook.com/ksblind](https://www.facebook.com/ksblind).

Text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to receive emergency notifications through school messenger.

**School Address**

Kansas State School for the Blind  
1100 State Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66102

**School Office Phone**

913-305-3015

**Security Office Phone**

913-305-3009

**Health Center Phone**

913-305-3030

**Dorm Office Phone**

913-305-3051

**School Website**

<https://kansasblind.gov>

**Additional School Contacts in alphabetical order by last name**

- Marites Altuna, Family and Infant Toddler Programs (FIT) Director: 913-645-5645
- Pam Arbeiter, Principal and Special Education Director: 913-424-3324
- Jon Harding, Superintendent: 913-645-5456

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- Hillary Joy-Sims, Early Childhood Enrichment Program (ECEP) Director:  
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Director: 913-335-5596