

Watauga County Schools (WCS)

2026-27 School Calendar - Watauga County, North Carolina

First Day of School	Monday, August 17, 2026
Winter Break	Dec 21, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027
Spring Break	Mar 29, 2027 - Apr 2, 2027
Last Day of School	Tuesday, May 25, 2027

Student Holidays & Days Off

Sep 7, 2026	Labor Day
Nov 11, 2026	Veterans Day
Nov 26, 2026	Thanksgiving
Nov 27, 2026	Thanksgiving
Dec 23, 2026	Christmas
Dec 24, 2026	Christmas
Dec 25, 2026	Christmas
Jan 1, 2027	New Year's Day
Jan 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mar 29, 2027	Spring Holiday
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day

Note: BOE approved 1/12/2026. First semester ends before winter break (Dec 18); students return Jan 4. Last day May 25 is an early release day; Memorial Day falls after it. Students also out Oct 19, Nov 25, Jan 18 (optional workdays; MLK Day doubles as optional workday). Original district link: