

STEM School Highlands Ranch 2025-26 Academic Calendar

July 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

New Teachers 4 +2

October 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9*	10*	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

18 Student: 18 Teacher Days

January 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

18 Student: 19 Teacher Days

April 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

22 Student: 22 Teacher Days

August 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

14 Student: 19 Teacher Days

November 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

15 Student: 15 Teacher Days

February 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

18 Student: 19 Teacher Days

May 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20*	21**	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

13 Student: 14 Teacher Days

September 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

20 Student: 21 Teacher Days

December 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

14 Student: 15 Teacher Days

March 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12*	13*	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

17 Student: 17 Teacher Days

June 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1 Teacher Days

- School Closed/Holidays
- First/Last Day of School
- Summer Office Hours/Tours

- Planning/Professional Development
- Tentative Graduation Day - School Closed
- Elementary Only- No School

- New Teachers Only
- Early Release Day

- If for any reason the school must close, this calendar may be amended by the STEM Board of Directors to provide additional school days during vacations, or at the end of the present calendar.

Important Dates:

July 28	New Faculty Starts	January 5	Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL
August 5	Faculty Returns	January 16	Early Release Day- Gold Day
August 12	First Day of School-All Students	January 19	Martin Luther King Jr Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
August 29	Early Release Day- Blue Day	January 30	Elementary Team Planning- No School elementary only
September 1	Labor Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	February 13	Professional Development for Staff - NO SCHOOL
September 18	Elementary Team Planning- No School elementary only	February 16	President's Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
September 19	Professional Development for Staff - NO SCHOOL	*March 12	Evening Conferences (Open House) - REG. SCHOOL DAY
*October 9	Evening Conferences (Open House) - REG. SCHOOL DAY	*March 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences- Early Release Day- Blue Day
*October 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences- Early Release Day- Gold Day	March 16-20	Spring Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
October 13-17	Fall Break - SCHOOL CLOSED	April 10	Early Release Day- Gold Day
November 14	Early Release Day- Blue day	April 24	Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break - SCHOOL CLOSED	May 7	STEM Shares: NO SCHOOL
December 19	Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL	*May 20	Half Day/Last Day Elementary only
Dec 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break - SCHOOL CLOSED	**May 21	Half Day/Last Day Secondary only
		May 22	Teacher Work Day- NO SCHOOL

	STEM	DCSD
Student Contact Days	168 (secondary) 166 (elementary)	173
New Teacher Contract Days	186	186
Teacher Contract Days	180	184
Professional Development/Teacher Work Days	10 Professional Development +1 graduation day/+6 New Teacher Days	5 Work Days 5 Professional Development
Compensation Days (parent conference compensation)	May 7th	2 (Nov 26/April 27)
Students Days per semester	81/87	80/93

Early Release Day Schedule
Friday August 29, Nov 14,
& March 13
Blue

2	8:00-8:40
4	8:45-9:25
6	9:30-11:10 Grab and Go lunch A- lunch 9:30-10:00 B- lunch 10:05-10:35 C- lunch 10:40-11:10
8	11:15-11:55

Gold Day Schedule
Friday Oct 10, Jan. 16
& April 10
Gold

3	8:00-8:40
5	8:45-9:25
7	9:30-11:25 Grab and Go lunch A- lunch 9:30-10:00 B- lunch 10:05-10:35 C- lunch 10:40-11:10
9	11:15-11:55

Elementary Early Release

K/1- 8:10-11:20- Grab and Go lunch in the classroom (20 minutes)
2-5th- 8:10-11:30- Grab and Go lunch in the classroom (20 minutes)

Instructional Minutes

Grades	Start Time	End Time	Total Minutes Per Day	Total Days	Total Instr. Hours	Min. Instr. Hour Requirement (CDE)	Hours Above Minimum	Days Above Minimum
K-1st (6.33)	8:10 AM	3:00 PM	380	160	1013	990	39.5	6.24
K-1 Early Release	8:10 AM	11:20 AM	165	6	16.5			

Day ** (2.83)								
2nd-5th (6.5)	8:10 AM	3:10 PM	390	160	1040	990	67.5	10.38
2nd- 5th early release (3)	8:10 AM	11:30 PM	175	6	17.5			
Secondary (6th-12th) (6.92)	8:00 AM	3:30 PM	415	162	1120.5	1080	60.5	8.74
Secondary Early release days (3)	8:00 AM	11:55 PM	200	6	20			

****Not serving lunch**