



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Unal Karakas
Superintendent of Schools

May 12, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the final weeks of another outstanding school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished together. Through our continued work on Vision 2030, we have launched exciting pilot projects that are shaping the future of teaching and learning in our schools. Additionally, our classroom redesigns for 21st-century learning continue to evolve with valuable feedback from our Student Council representatives, some of whom will be graduating from our district this year. Their insights have been instrumental in ensuring our learning spaces are designed for collaboration, creativity, and success.

As we look ahead to the events of June, I want to share some important dates and updates. We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our exceptional sixth-grade students! Graduation ceremonies will take place at William L. Buck School in an air-conditioned space to ensure comfort for all families. With the tent at Memorial no longer in place, this transition provides a welcoming setting for this special occasion.

Sixth-grade students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on the day of their school's graduation.

- Monday, June 16 – Brooklyn Avenue School
- Tuesday, June 17 – Robert W. Carbonaro School
- Wednesday, June 18 – William L. Buck School

All **graduation ceremonies** will begin promptly at **7:00 PM**. These evenings will be filled with pride, joy, and cherished memories as we honor our students' achievements.

Below are some additional key dates in June:

- Friday, June 6 – Schools Closed for Eid al-Adha
- Friday, June 13 – Half-Day for Students (Dismissal at 11:30 AM)
- Thursday, June 19 – Schools Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- Friday, June 27 – Last Day of School (Dismissal at 9:30 AM; Report Cards Available)

Our extended-hour summer school program will run from July 7 through July 31, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Building principals will provide further details for families participating in this program.

Looking ahead, the 2025-26 school year will begin with Superintendent's Conference Day for staff on Friday, August 29, and the **first day of school** for students will be **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the 2025-26 Student Attendance Calendar for your reference.

As we prepare to close out this remarkable school year, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we have continued to innovate, inspire, and create opportunities for every student's success. I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished and excited for all that lies ahead.

Warmly,

Dr. Unal Karakas
Superintendent of Schools

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VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 24 CALENDAR FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2025-2026

JULY					AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4					1	1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	29	30				27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5				1	2	2	3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
					29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30					

MARCH					APRIL					MAY					JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3					1	1	2	3	4	5
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26
30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30			

2025-26 Days of Instruction		
Month	T	S
August	1	0
September	19	18
October	20	20
November	17	16
December	17	17
January	19	19
February	15	15
March	21	21
April	17	17
May	19	19
June	19	19
	184	181

Key	
School Closed	
Supt.'s Conference Day	
First/Last Day Of School	

2025-26	
July 4	Independence Day
August 29	Supt.'s Conference Day
September 1	Labor Day
September 2	Supt.'s Conference Day
September 3	First Day of School
September 23-24	Rosh Hashanah
October 2	Yom Kippur
October 13	Columbus Day
October 20	Diwali
November 4	Supt.'s Conference Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24-January 2	Holiday Recess
January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 16	Presidents' Day
February 16-20	Winter Recess
February 17	Lunar New Year
March 20	Eid al-Fitr
April 2-8	Easter/Spring Recess
May 25	Memorial Day
May 27	Eid al-Adha
June 19	Juneteenth
June 26	Last Day of School

Notwithstanding any policy, past practice or calendar notation to the contrary, in the event it becomes necessary to add days in order to ensure a 180 day work year, such days shall be added during the non-legal holidays of the Spring recess period and such other non-legal holidays as are necessary to ensure the work year as set forth above. Such days shall be specifically delineated in advance and set forth in the school calendar and shall be added to the work year beginning with the latest day thereof.

Adopted: January 22, 2025