

Amen Always Community Academy

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Partnering with Parents to Educate, Equip, and Empower Children for God's Purpose

Calendar Highlight	Date / Detail
First Day of School	Monday, August 10, 2026
Fall IOWA Assessments	September 28-October 2, 2026
Southeast Christian School Convention	September 23-25, 2026
Green Apple Summit	October 22-24, 2026
Spring IOWA Assessments	April 19-23, 2027
Last Day / Graduation & Rising Ceremony	Friday, May 28, 2027
Instructional Days	180 planned instructional days

Calendar Design Note

This calendar keeps AACA on a traditional August-May school rhythm, protects teacher professional development, places Fall IOWA testing later for added instructional time, and ends with the Graduation & Rising Ceremony on May 28, 2027.

Color Code Legend

Instruction	Holiday / Break	Teacher PD / Workday	Assessment	Ceremony / Family Event
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2026-2027 At-a-Glance

Date	Key Date	Purpose
August 3-7, 2026	Teacher Pre-Planning / Professional Development	Staff preparation, classroom setup, curriculum alignment
August 7, 2026	Parent Orientation / Meet the Teacher	Family welcome and start-of-year readiness
August 10, 2026	First Day of School	Students begin the 2026-2027 school year
September 23-25, 2026	Southeast Christian School Convention	Teacher PD in Myrtle Beach; no school for students
September 28-October 2, 2026	Fall IOWA Assessments	Baseline assessment after added instruction time
October 5-7, 2026	Fall IOWA Makeup Testing	Makeup window before the fall deadline
October 22-23, 2026	Green Apple Summit 2026	Teacher PD; no school for students
December 21, 2026-January 4, 2027	Christmas / Winter Break	School closed for Christmas and New Year break
April 19-23, 2027	Spring IOWA Assessments	End-of-year growth assessment
April 26-30, 2027	Spring IOWA Makeup Testing	Makeup testing window
May 28, 2027	Last Day / Graduation & Rising Ceremony	End-of-year celebration and final report cards

Quarter and Semester Dates

Term	Dates	Notes
1st Quarter	August 10-October 9, 2026	Fall baseline testing included
2nd Quarter	October 13-December 18, 2026	Semester 1 ends before Christmas Break
1st Semester Ends	December 18, 2026	Early dismissal recommended
3rd Quarter	January 5-March 12, 2027	Students return January 5
4th Quarter	March 15-May 28, 2027	Spring testing and year-end ceremony

Monthly Calendar Details

August 2026

Date	Event	Category	Notes
August 3-7	Teacher Pre-Planning / Professional Development	Teacher PD / Workday	Staff only
August 7	Parent Orientation / Meet the Teacher	Ceremony / Family Event	Families welcomed
August 10	First Day of School	Instruction	Students begin

September 2026

Date	Event	Category	Notes
September 7	Labor Day	Holiday / Break	School closed
September 23-25	Southeast Christian School Convention	Teacher PD / Workday	Myrtle Beach; no school for students
September 28-30	Fall IOWA Assessments begin	Assessment	Late fall testing week

October 2026

Date	Event	Category	Notes
October 1-2	Fall IOWA Assessments continue	Assessment	Main fall testing week
October 5-7	Fall IOWA Makeup Testing	Assessment	Makeups before deadline
October 8-9	Teacher Data Review / Instructional Planning	Administrative	Use assessment results to plan
October 12	Fall Break / Teacher Workday	Holiday / Break	No school for students
October 13	Students Return	Instruction	Quarter 2 begins
October 22-23	Green Apple Summit 2026	Teacher PD / Workday	No school for students
October 24	Green Apple Summit 2026	Teacher PD / Workday	Saturday session

November 2026

Date	Event	Category	Notes
November 11	Veterans Day	Holiday / Break	School closed
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break	Holiday / Break	School closed

December 2026

Date	Event	Category	Notes
December 18	End of Semester 1 / Early Dismissal	Instruction	Last day before Christmas Break
December 21-31	Christmas / Winter Break	Holiday / Break	School closed

January 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
January 1-4	Christmas / Winter Break continues	Holiday / Break	School closed
January 4	Teacher Workday / Semester 2 Preparation	Teacher PD / Workday	Staff only
January 5	Students Return	Instruction	Semester 2 begins
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Holiday / Break	School closed

February 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
February 15	Presidents Day	Holiday / Break	School closed

March 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
March 26	Good Friday	Holiday / Break	School closed
March 29-31	Spring Break begins	Holiday / Break	School closed

April 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
April 1-2	Spring Break continues	Holiday / Break	School closed
April 5	Students Return	Instruction	Instruction resumes
April 19-23	Spring IOWA Assessments	Assessment	End-of-year growth measure
April 26-30	Spring IOWA Makeup Testing	Assessment	Makeup testing window

May 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
May 3-7	Teacher Data Review / Growth Reports	Administrative	Assessment data review
May 10-14	Parent Reports / Placement Planning	Administrative	Prepare next-year recommendations
May 28	Last Day of School / Graduation & Rising Ceremony	Ceremony / Family Event	Final report cards
May 31	Memorial Day	Holiday / Break	Staff off

June 2027

Date	Event	Category	Notes
June 1-2	Teacher Post-Planning / Records / Closeout	Teacher PD / Workday	Staff only

Suggested Progress Report and Report Card Dates

Date	Event	Category	Notes
September 11, 2026	1st Quarter Progress Reports	Administrative	Family academic update
October 16, 2026	1st Quarter Report Cards	Administrative	After Quarter 1 ends
November 13, 2026	2nd Quarter Progress Reports	Administrative	Family academic update
January 8, 2027	2nd Quarter / Semester 1 Report Cards	Administrative	Semester 1 reporting
February 12, 2027	3rd Quarter Progress Reports	Administrative	Family academic update
March 19, 2027	3rd Quarter Report Cards	Administrative	After Quarter 3 ends
April 30, 2027	4th Quarter Progress Reports	Administrative	Family academic update
May 28, 2027	Final Report Cards	Ceremony / Family Event	End-of-year packet

Testing Notes

IOWA Assessment Plan

Fall testing is scheduled for September 28-October 2, 2026 to provide more instruction time before baseline testing. Spring testing is scheduled for April 19-23, 2027 to capture end-of-year growth before final reports and graduation/rising ceremony preparations.