



Standard Academic Calendar | 2026-27 School Year

Big Sky Community School observes all U.S. Federal holidays listed below. Fridays are reserved for asynchronous work time and community programming.

Please click [here](#) to see the schedule for the Upper School Milestone Weeks.

Month	Dates	Event	Description
August	24–26	Orientation Week	High School Expedition Week (24th–26th): Wise River Valley Optional Welcome Summit in New York City
	27–28	Orientation Week	Required Online Orientation
	31	First Day of Semester 1	
September	7	Labor Day	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet
October	12	Indigenous Peoples' Day	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet
November	23–27	November Break	Campus Closed; Classes do not meet
December	18	Last Day of Semester 1	
	21–Jan 1	Mid-Year Break	Campus Closed; Classes do not meet
January	4–22	J-Term	K-4th Jan Term Meets Tue - Fri (Mondays Off) 5-12th Jan Term Online & In-Person Programs <i>Optional</i>
	18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet
	26	First Day of Semester 2	
February	15	Presidents' Day	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet
March	15–19	March Break	Cohort classes do not meet
May	28	Graduation & Last Day of Semester 2	Class of 2026 Graduation; End of Cohort Classes for 2026–2027 School Year
	31	Memorial Day	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet
June	1–18	J-Term	5-12th June Term Online & In-Person Programs <i>Optional</i>
	19	Juneteenth	U.S. Federal Holiday; Classes do not meet



Milestone Week Calendar

The purpose of the Milestone Week Calendar is to communicate the timing of Milestone Weeks in the Upper School.

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Upper School Milestone Weeks Grades 5-12	
Aug. 24-28	Welcome Summit and Online Orientation
Aug. 31-Sept. 25	Unit 1
Sept. 28-Oct. 2	Milestone Week 1
Oct. 5-Nov. 13	Unit 2
Nov. 16-20	Milestone Week 2
Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Unit 3
Dec. 14-18	Milestone Week 3
Jan. 25-Mar. 5	Unit 4
Mar. 8-12	Milestone Week 4
Mar. 22-Apr. 16	Unit 5
Apr. 19-23	Milestone Week 5
Apr. 26-May 21	Unit 6
May 24-28	Milestone Week 6