

# Data Report

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## 2009-10 School District Start and End Dates

In 2006, the Florida Legislature adopted a change to Section 1001.42(4)(f), Florida Statutes, regarding the opening of the school year. According to the statute, "beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year." This year, August 24 is 14 days before Labor Day, and 58 of the 67 regular school districts in Florida will begin classes on that date. Five districts – Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Palm Beach, and Wakulla – are exempted from the statute because of their status as Academically High Performing or charter districts and will start between August 10 and 18. The other four districts – Hillsborough, Pinellas, Putnam, and Union – will begin between August 25 and 27.

This near uniformity in start dates stands in stark contrast to school years prior to 2007-08, in which the average difference between the earliest and latest start dates was 23 days. The longest stretch between the earliest and latest start dates was 34 days in 1997-98. For 2009-10, Brevard County has the earliest closing date (May 21), and Lee County has the latest closing date (June 15). Twenty-one counties close on June 9, making it the most common closing date.

**Table 1: History of Earliest and Latest School Start Dates, 1989-90 through 2009-10**

Year	Earliest Start Date	# of Districts	Latest Start Date	# of Districts
1989-90	August 14	2	September 5	1
1990-91	August 13	1	September 4	2
1991-92	August 12	1	September 3	5
1992-93	August 11	1	September 8	1
1993-94	August 10	1	August 30	3
1994-95	August 8	1	August 29	5
1995-96	August 7	1	August 29	1
1996-97	August 1	1	August 27	1
1997-98	July 30	1	September 2	1
1998-99	August 3	2	August 31	3
1999-00	August 2	2	August 30	2
2000-01	August 2	1	August 28	5
2001-02	August 1	2	August 27	2
2002-03	August 2	1	August 26	2
2003-04	August 1	1	August 25	2
2004-05	August 2	4	August 17	1
2005-06	August 1	4	August 16	1
2006-07	July 31	1	August 21	2
2007-08	August 20	62	August 24	1
2008-09	August 18	60	August 22	1
2009-10	August 10	2	August 27	1

Source: EIAS Statistical Brief, "School District Calendars," multiple years.

Beginning and ending dates for students and teachers for the 2009-10 school year are listed by district in Table 2 below.



**Table 2: Start and End Dates for Students and Teachers, 2009-10**

DISTRICT	FIRST DAY - STUDENTS	LAST DAY - STUDENTS	FIRST DAY - TEACHERS	LAST DAY - TEACHERS
1 ALACHUA	08/24/09	06/11/10	08/17/09	06/15/10
2 BAKER	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
3 BAY	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/13/09	06/10/10
4 BRADFORD	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/18/09	06/14/10
5 BREVARD	08/10/09	05/21/10	08/03/09	05/24/10
6 BROWARD	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
7 CALHOUN	08/24/09	06/03/10	08/10/09	06/09/10
8 CHARLOTTE	08/10/09	05/25/10	08/03/09	05/26/10
9 CITRUS	08/17/09	05/28/10	08/10/09	06/02/10
10 CLAY	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
11 COLLIER	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
12 COLUMBIA	08/24/09	06/03/10	08/17/09	06/07/10
13 DADE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/20/09	06/11/10
14 DESOTO	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
15 DIXIE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/11/10
16 DUVAL	08/24/09	06/11/10	08/17/09	06/15/10
17 ESCAMBIA	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/08/10
18 FLAGLER	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
19 FRANKLIN	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/09/10
20 GADSDEN	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
21 GILCHRIST	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/14/10
22 GLADES	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
23 GULF	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
24 HAMILTON	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/09/10
25 HARDEE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
26 HENDRY	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/17/09	06/09/10
27 HERNANDO	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/13/09	06/14/10
28 HIGHLANDS	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/13/09	06/07/10
29 HILLSBOROUGH	08/25/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
30 HOLMES	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/12/09	06/14/10
31 INDIAN RIVER	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/10/10
32 JACKSON	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/13/09	06/08/10
33 JEFFERSON	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
34 LAFAYETTE	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
35 LAKE	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/15/10
36 LEE	08/24/09	06/15/10	08/17/09	06/16/10
37 LEON	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/08/10
38 LEVY	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
39 LIBERTY	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/14/09	06/09/10
40 MADISON	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/09/10
41 MANATEE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/10/10
42 MARION	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/10/10
43 MARTIN	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
44 MONROE	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/13/09	06/08/10
45 NASSAU	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
46 OKALOOSA	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/14/10
47 OKEECHOBEE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
48 ORANGE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
49 OSCEOLA	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
50 PALM BEACH	08/18/09	06/03/10	08/12/09	06/04/10
51 PASCO	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
52 PINELLAS	08/25/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
53 POLK	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/10/10
54 PUTNAM	08/26/09	06/11/10	08/20/09	06/15/10
55 ST. JOHNS	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/11/10
56 ST. LUCIE	08/24/09	06/11/10	08/14/09	06/11/10
57 SANTA ROSA	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
58 SARASOTA	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/08/10
59 SEMINOLE	08/24/09	06/09/10	08/18/09	06/11/10
60 SUMTER	08/24/09	06/11/10	08/17/09	06/15/10
61 SUWANNEE	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/18/09	06/11/10
62 TAYLOR	08/24/09	06/04/10	08/17/09	06/09/10
63 UNION	08/27/09	06/11/10	08/20/09	06/15/10
64 VOLUSIA	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/18/09	06/10/10
65 WAKULLA	08/13/09	05/26/10	08/06/09	05/28/10
66 WALTON	08/24/09	06/10/10	08/17/09	06/11/10
67 WASHINGTON	08/24/09	06/08/10	08/12/09	06/10/10

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