




# ACERA SCHOOL | 2016-2017 CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2016

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Key:  
 = Holidays (No School)  
 = Special Event  
 = Professional Day for Teachers  
**(No School for Students)**

## FEBRUARY 2017

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- 9 Community Forum (7 PM)
- 17 Contracts due for 2017-2018 Re-Enrollment
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 20-24 Vacation

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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- 29-2 Teacher Collaboration Workshop
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 First Day of School
- 7-9 Assessments Occur
- 22 Back to School Night (6 PM)
- 23 Listening Conference Day
- 26 School Picture Day

## MARCH 2017

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- 4 Summer Program Open House (1 - 3 PM)
- 9 Poetry Assembly (9:15 AM)
- 16,17 Collaboration Planning for 2017-2018
- 23 Community Forum (9 AM)

## OCTOBER 2016

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- 6 Community Forum (7 PM)
- 7 ILP Writing Day
- 10 Columbus Day
- 20 Fall Innovator Symposium (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- 31 Halloween Parade (costumes for morning only)

## APRIL 2017

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- 13 Student STEM Symposium (1:30 PM)
- 17-21 Vacation
- 27 Spring Innovator Symposium (6:30 to 8:30 PM)

## NOVEMBER 2016

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- 5 Open House for Prospective Families (10 AM - 12 PM)
- 10 Community Forum (9 AM)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 23-25 Vacation
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Report Card Writing Day

## MAY 2017

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- 4 School Field Trip
- 5 Report Card Writing Day
- 11 Community Forum (9 AM)
- 19 Report Cards Published
- 22 Conference Day
- 29 Memorial Day

## DECEMBER 2016

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- 1 School Field Trip
- 8 Community Forum (7 PM)
- 9 Report Cards Published
- 12 Conference Day
- 14 Museum Walk (9:15 AM)
- 16 Ice Skating (1:30 PM)
- 19-30 Vacation

## JUNE 2017

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- 7 Museum Walk (9:15 AM)
- 9 Last Day of School
- 12-16 Teacher Collaboration Workshops

## JANUARY 2017

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- 2 New Year's Day Holiday
- 3 Back to School
- 7 Open House for Prospective Families (10 AM - 12 PM)
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 19 Community Forum (9 AM)
- 27 Teacher Collaboration Day

## JULY 2017

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- 4 Independence Day

## ACERA SCHOOL | 2016-2017 CALENDAR

### DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

The Acera Academic Calendar is a basic breakdown of school year events, holidays, vacations, etc. A more detailed calendar can be found online on the Family Log In, which is the calendar that will be edited throughout the year as events get added (field trips, math contests, Model UN conferences, etc.). Descriptions of special events on the Academic Calendar are as follows:

#### **Professional Days for Teachers**

On Planning and Collaboration days, there is no school for students. Teachers use these days for individual planning or group collaboration around themes for the upcoming or current term. There may be Professional Development seminars or conferences planned on these days, at the discretion and preference of the staff and Directors.

#### **Back to School Night**

Historically, the evening begins around 5:30pm with 30-minute presentations simultaneously given by each of the core classroom teachers in their room. In the 2014-2015 school year, 2 sessions were held back to back to accommodate parents with more than one child at Acera, which is most likely the model we will follow going forward. Following the presentations, a group session is held in which teachers introduce themselves, and Founder/Co-Director Courtney Dickinson gives a school-wide overview including philosophy, school-wide norms, communication expectations, general policies, and finances. Teachers are invited to stay for this portion, but are not required to. The entire evening runs from 5:30-7:30, approximately.

#### **Listening Conferences**

This is a Parent/Teacher conference day, and is a day off for students. This is a meeting meant to give both parties an opportunity to "listen" to the other's hopes for the year for the student and progress thus far, and to be sure that everyone is on the same page about goals and expectations. Core Teachers and Math Block Teachers will reach out to parents to schedule their conferences a couple weeks ahead of time.

#### **Community Forum Meetings**

Community Forum meetings are open to Acera parents/guardians/grandparents and Acera Teachers. The purpose of these meetings includes identifying needs, planning strategies, and initiating and executing efforts to support Acera. We work to build community and leverage the community's talents in a way that optimizes them with the school's needs including giving voice and input to help shape and evolve our school. In these meetings we will share Acera's updates, upgrades, and plans in a dialogue style format and plan how we can leverage parent talent in a way that can keep our tuition as low as possible while also maximizing the educational experience of our students.

### **ILP Writing Day**

At Acera, every student gets his/her own "Individual Learning Plan." ILP Writing Day is a day off for students, to allow teachers a designated time to write their students' plans.

### **Open House for Prospective Families**

Acera holds two Open Houses per year. Teachers will be in their classrooms during this time to greet prospective families, explain a little bit about their curriculum themes for the year, and answer questions. We invite (but do not require) a handful of parents from each classroom to be present to give prospective families a parent's point of view. Should you be interested in attending as a parent ambassador, please contact the admin team at [office@aceraschool.org](mailto:office@aceraschool.org).

### **Museum Walk**

The Museum Walk is the culmination of that semester's Creativity Morning projects. Parents are invited at 9:15am to walk through informal presentations given at each station by the students who have worked there. These occur twice a year and go from 9:15-11am, roughly. Please mark this on your calendar and join us for the morning!

### **Report Card Writing Day**

This is a day off for students, and a Professional Day for teachers. Because we do not give grades at Acera, Core Teachers and Math Block Teachers write narrative report cards twice yearly for each of their students.

### **Parent Town Hall Meeting**

This is an evening session run by Courtney Dickinson, and it is an opportunity for parents to ask questions, offer volunteerism, etc.

### **Deposit Due**

February 12, 2016 is the due date for re-enrollment deposits for the 2016-2017 school year. Deposits given by this date are considered place-holders for space in a classroom the following year. Spaces not reserved with the deposit will be released to prospective applicants after this date.

### **Poetry Day**

A school wide assembly, to which parents are invited, in which students, teachers, and parents do readings of their favorite poems. Typically from 9:15-10:00am.

### **Teacher Collaboration Workshop**

The week following the last day of school is used for teacher meetings to regroup from the year, discuss highs and lows, areas for improvement, reaffirm school norms, and look ahead to themes for the following year's curriculum. There is no school for students until September.