



**"Together, We are Champions"**



**USD 237**  
**Announcement**

**Change to the Start Time of School-Starting Sept. 20th, 2021 (New Time 8:05 am)**  
**Change to the School Calendar for Oct. 11th, 2021 (Regular School Day)**

Dear USD 237 Shareholders,

The Kansas Department of Education mandates the school term shall consist of not less than 1,116 hours for students in grades one through 11. The current calendar does meet the minimum required hours, however it does not have adequate hours built in for potential school closures. Each school year, there is the potential for school to be cancelled because of weather related issues, health situations, or a host of other unforeseen reasons.

A few added extra-curricular activities have further reduced hours for USD 237.

- Smith Center High School is hosting a FCCLA event for multiple schools on Oct. 6th. Due to the number of schools and the number of participants, the JH/HS students will not have school that day. The elementary students will have a normal day.
- USD 237 will host the MCL League Track meet on 5/12/2022. In order to run a successful league track meet, all USD 237 schools will be dismissed at 2:30 pm for a 3:00 start. This will aid in having workers and for employees/students to attend.

In an effort to be proactive and meet the mandated hours of attendance USD 237 will make the following adjustments to the school year.

- Starting September 20, 2021 the starting time for all USD 237 schools will be 8:05 AM.
  - Adding 10 minutes to the day will help us gain additional hours over the course of the year rather than adding days at the end of the year.
- October 11, 2021 will be a normal day of school for all USD 237 students. The day was to be an in-service day for USD staff. October 11th will now be a normal school day to gain additional hours towards the mandated hours.

We apologize for the inconvenience the change to the start of the school day and Oct. 11th, may create for your schedule. Multiple options were considered in an effort to disrupt the calendar minimally. If school cancellations are not required, the USD 237 Board of Education may look to move the last day of the school year earlier in May.

If you have questions, please contact the USD 237 Board of Education Office or the administration of your child's school.

Sincerely,

Dustin McEwen  
Superintendent of Schools



# USD 237 Smith Center | Update 2021-2022 Calendar | ADD 10

AUGUST '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 10-11 Enrollment
- 23-24 Teacher In-service
- 25 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER '21						
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26	27	28	29	30		

- 6 Labor Day No School
- 20 8:05 AM Start  
\* Add 10 minutes to the day for the rest of the year. \*

OCTOBER '21						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 6 \*FCCLA\*  
(No School for Students at JH/HS)
- 11 \*Regular School Day\*  
In-Service Cancelled
- 22 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- 26 Dismiss @ 11:30  
P/T Conf 1-7 pm
- 29 P/T Comp Day  
(No School)

NOVEMBER '21						
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28	29	30				

- 15 Teacher In-service  
(No School)
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break  
(No School)

DECEMBER '21						
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- 21 End of Second Nine
- 22 Christmas Break  
12/22 to 1/4/22  
(No School)

- 5 Classes Resumes
- 17 Teacher In-service  
(No School)

JANUARY '22						
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30	31					

- 24 In-service 8-12  
P/T Conf 1:30-7:30  
No School
- 25 P/T Comp Day  
(No School)

FEBRUARY '22						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine weeks  
No school-Teacher  
Flex Work Day
- 14-18 Spring Break  
(No School)

MARCH '22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31		

- 7 JH Track Meet  
Dismiss @ 3:00
- 12 Redmen Relays  
Dismiss @ 2:30
- 15-18 Easter Break  
(No School)

APRIL '22						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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- 12 \* MCL Track\*  
(Dismiss @ 2:30)
- 15 Graduation
- 18 Last Day of School  
(Dismiss at 11:30)

MAY '22						
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