

SPAIN

Organisation of school time in primary and general secondary education – 2017/18 ^(1,2)

	Primary education	General secondary education
Starting date of students' school year	Between 5 and 13 September 2017	Between 7 and 19 September 2017
End of students' school year	Between 20 and 27 June 2018	Between 19 and 28 June ⁽³⁾ 2018
Christmas/New Year	At least 2 weeks between 23 December 2017 and 7 January 2018	At least 2 weeks between 23 December 2017 and 7 January 2018
Winter/Carnival	Between 2 and 3 days (depending on the Autonomous Community) ⁽⁴⁾	Between 2 and 3 days (depending on the Autonomous Community) ⁽⁴⁾
Spring/Easter	About 10 days in the period between the fourth week of March and the first week of April 2018	About 10 days in the period between the fourth week of March and the first week of April 2018
Summer	11 weeks between late June and mid-September	11 weeks between late June and mid-September
Public/religious holidays	About 12 public holidays (some common throughout the country and some specific of the different Autonomous Communities).	About 12 public holidays (some common throughout the country and some specific of the different Autonomous Communities).
Starting date of teachers' school year	1 September 2017	1 September 2017
End of teachers' school year	29 June 2018	29 June 2018 ⁽⁵⁾

Additional notes

⁽¹⁾ Dates vary according to the different Autonomous Communities, see the table below.

Total number: ⁽²⁾ The total minimum number of school days is 178 in primary and 175 in general secondary education in all Autonomous Communities, although there are some additional days in several Communities.

⁽³⁾ In the last year of post-compulsory upper general secondary education, classes finish two, three or four weeks earlier than in other stages. This time is meant for preparing entrance examinations to universities and the final evaluation of *Bachillerato*, among others.

Total number: ⁽⁴⁾ The Autonomous Communities of Asturias, Castilla y León and Extremadura will allocate two days for Carnival. In the case of Galicia it will be three days.

⁽⁵⁾ The management team of schools must stay in the school until 31 July.

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Specification of terms for the starting and the end of students' school year 2017/18 in the different Autonomous Communities

	Primary education		General secondary education ⁽¹⁾	
	Beginning (2017)	End (2018)	Beginning (2017)	End (2018)
Andalucía	11 September	22 June	15 September	25 June
Aragón	7 September	20 June	12 September	22 June
Asturias	11 September	21 June	13 September	25 June
Baleares	13 September	22 June	13 September	22 June
Canarias	11 September	22 June	13 September	22 June
Cantabria ⁽⁶⁾	7 September	22 June	12 September ⁽²⁾	26 June
Castilla y León	11 September	22 June	18 September	22 June
Castilla-La Mancha	11 September	21 June	14 September	26 June
Cataluña	12 September	22 June	12 September ⁽²⁾	22 June
Ceuta	11 September	22 June	11 September	22 June
Extremadura	13 September	21 June	13 September ⁽²⁾	21 June ⁽²⁾
Galicia	11 September	21 June	15 September	21 June
La Rioja	7 September	21 June	8 September ⁽⁵⁾	22 June
Madrid	8 September	22 June	12 y 13 September ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	22 June
Melilla	11 September	22 June	11 September	22 June
Región de Murcia ⁽³⁾	Between 5 and 11 September	Between 22 and 27 June	Between 12 and 19 September	Between 19 and 25 June
Navarra ⁽⁴⁾	Not before 7 September	No later than 20 June	Not before 9 September	No later than 16 June
País Vasco ⁽⁴⁾	7 September	22 June	7 September ⁽⁵⁾	20 June
C. Valencia	11 September	22 June	11 September	20 June

Additional notes

⁽¹⁾ In the last year of post-compulsory upper general secondary education, classes end up two, three or four weeks earlier than in the rest of stages. This time is used to prepare the university admission examinations (and final evaluation of *Bachillerato*, among others).

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- Cataluña: in lower and upper general secondary education, the beginning may be delayed until 14 September.
- Extremadura: in upper general secondary education, the beginning is 14 September. As for the end date of the second and last grade in upper secondary education, the deadline date will be determined using a circular.
- Madrid: 1st grade of general secondary education begins on 12 September while the rest of grades begin on 13 September.
- Cantabria: in upper general secondary education, the beginning is 14 September and the end date will be 29 June 2018.

⁽³⁾ In the Autonomous Community of Región de Murcia: the beginning and end periods vary according to municipalities. Consequently, there is a range of days for such municipalities to establish their own starting and end dates of the school year in the different levels of education.

⁽⁴⁾ Autonomous Communities of Navarra and País Vasco: schools are free to establish their own calendar taking into account the limit starting and ending dates established by the educational authorities.

⁽⁵⁾ Autonomous Communities of Madrid, La Rioja and País Vasco: introduce a change in the school calendar for the academic year 2017/18 with respect to previous years, namely, the extraordinary exams for general lower and upper secondary education as well as for vocational training students, which used to be held in the month of September, will take place at the end of June from the next academic year onwards. In Madrid, the extraordinary exams will be held during the last three school days of June. As for País Vasco, they will take place between the last school day and 29 June.

⁽⁶⁾ Autonomous Community of Cantabria: the organization and distribution of the school holidays is somehow different from that of the rest of regional administrations:

- Summer holidays.
- Public holidays: 12 October, 6 to 8 December, 29 January.
- Holiday periods:
 - 1 week from 30 October
 - 2 weeks from 25 December
 - 22 to 27 February
 - 1 week from 30 April.

Source: School calendars of the Autonomous Communities and the Cities of Ceuta and Melilla.