



New Orleans JCC
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

ECC CALENDAR

2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR



IMPORTANT DATES

August 5 - 7 Teachers Return for Professional Development
August 10 - 12 Family - Teacher Story Gathering Meetings
August 13 - 14 Student Orientation Days (students attend 1 of two days)
August 13 - 14 New Family Orientation (parents attend 1 of 2 sessions)
August 17 First Day of School for All Students

September 7 No School - Labor Day
September 11 Late Start School begins at 9:30 AM | Professional Development
September 21 No School - Yom Kippur
September 24 Parent's Night | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

October 1 Dinner Under the Sukkah
October 30 Late Start School begins at 9:30 AM | Professional Development

November 12 No School - Parent - Teacher Conferences
November 20 Friends & Family Shabbat | 8:45 - 9:15 AM
November 25 - 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 4 Friends & Family Shabbat | 8:45 - 9:15 AM
December 11 Late Start School begins at 9:30 AM | Professional Development
December 21 No School - Winter Break Begins
December 21 - 24 *Winter Mini Camp

January 4 School Resumes
January 8 Friends & Family Shabbat | 8:45 - 9:15 AM
January 15 No School - Professional Development
January 18 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 4 Early Dismissal - School ends at 2:00 PM
February 5 Friends & Family Shabbat | 8:45 - 9:15 AM
February 8 - 10 No School - Mardi Gras Break

March 12 Late Start School begins at 9:30 AM | Professional Development
March 23 Purim Parade 9:30 AM

April 21 Early Dismissal - JCC closes at 5:00 PM |
Passover begins at sundown
April 22 - 30 No School - Passover Break
April 26 - 30 *Passover Mini Camp

May 7 Friends & Family Shabbat | 8:45 - 9:15 AM
May 17 Marks Park Day - End of Year School Celebration |
5:30 - 7:30 PM
May 20 Early Dismissal - School Ends at noon |
Last Day of School



*Mini Camps and Summer Camps are not included in tuition for the JCC Early Childhood Center. Additional registration and fees are required.

FAMILY-TEACHER STORY GATHERING MEETINGS

You and your child will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and experience the classroom setting before school starts. At this time, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's interests, share with the teacher any special needs your child may have, and learn more about the class dynamics.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

This is an opportunity for the children to experience a school day in a small group setting. Your child will attend one of two orientation days. Classrooms with children under two years of age will have a half-day orientation.

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

After dropping your child off in their classroom, new parents will gather with the ECC administration for an informational session on ECC policies, protocols, and other important information to support this tender transition for both you and your child. New parents are required to attend one of the two sessions offered. Returning families are also encouraged to attend.

LATE START | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Late start days are an opportunity for the entire faculty to gather and participate in professional development. On these days, there is no morning care. Carpool will begin at 9:30 AM for the entire school.

FRIENDS & FAMILY SHABBAT

Beginning in November, on one Friday each month, we will gather as a school community to welcome in Shabbat. Friends and family are invited to join us from 8:45 - 9:15 AM as we sing, dance, and recite the Shabbat blessings before heading off to our classrooms to finish out the week.

PARENTS NIGHT

Enjoy a hands-on, child-free school experience! You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, learn more about their day at school, and enjoy some uninterrupted conversation with your child's teachers and fellow class parents.

DINNER UNDER THE SUKKAH

Celebrate the harvest holiday of Sukkot with dinner in the schoolyard. Families are invited to bring dinner, and the JCC will provide drinks and dessert.

PURIM PARADE

Our Purim Parade is a school-wide event that happens just after morning drop-off. Come cheer for our children and teachers as they parade in costume around the school building in celebration of this joyous spring holiday. Our parade culminates with an opportunity for families to join us for some festive revelry before the children head back to their classrooms for the day.

MARKS PARK

Families come together to play and share a meal in the schoolyard. We celebrate the conclusion of a great school year.

MINI CAMPS

Mini camps may be offered to ECC families during our longer school breaks. All spaces for mini camps are to be based on school and/or community needs.