

Title 13A  
State Board of Education  
Subtitle 02: Local School Administration  
Chapter 01: Local Boards of Education  
Education Article 7-103  
Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Length of the School Year

- A. Schools shall be open a minimum of 180 days per year. In implementing Education Article, §7-103, Annotated Code of Maryland, a waiver of the 180-day requirement will be granted by the State Board of Education to local school systems only when:

- (1) The demonstrate that sufficient effort has been made through calendar planning and modification; and
- (2) Natural or civil disasters or severe weather conditions are sufficiently significant to warrant waiver.

- B. The closing of individual schools does not require a waiver by the State Board of Education but may be granted by permission of the State Superintendent of Schools upon request of the local superintendent of schools.

C. Application for Waiver

- (1) In the required written application for waiver of school days, it shall be determined that:

- a. The local school system developed a calendar which included days to be used to make up days lost. Depending upon past experience, this number could range from 3-10 days throughout the State. The local school system calendar shall have identified those potential make-up days which could have been used as student days when calendar modification becomes necessary; that is, make-up days, student vacation days, etc.
- b. The local school system has modified its calendar by scheduling school on the make-up days provided in the original calendar and by extending the school year 5 days beyond the previously scheduled closing date.

- (2) In considering this application, the State Board of Education may waive:

- a. The final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule if that day falls on a Monday;
- b. Additional days beyond those specified in § C (1) (b) of this regulation that would have to be added to the calendar to complete a 180-day schedule.

*\*Legal holidays include: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve through January 1<sup>st</sup>; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Presidents' Day; Good Friday and Easter Monday; Memorial Day; Primary and General Election Days.*

# August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<b>17</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day for Teachers</b> AM-School Based Professional Development PM-Teacher Work Time	<b>18</b> AM-Convocation PM- School Based Professional Development	<b>19</b> Supervisors System-wide Professional Development	<b>20</b> Teacher Work Time	<b>21</b> Teacher Work Time	22
23	<b>24</b> <b>SCHOOLS OPEN</b> <b>3-hr Early Dismissal</b> PM-Teacher Work Time (No Breakfast Served) <b>ACM Fall Semester Starts</b>	25	<b>26</b> <b>PRE-K AND K BEGINS</b>	27	28	29
30	<b>31</b>  <b>FSU Fall Semester Starts</b>					S= 6/6 T=11/11

# September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED  Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Rosh Hashanah	15	16	17	18	19
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (BE & FS)				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Yom Kippur			
27	28	29	30			
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (BL, PA & JD)				
						S=21/21 T = 21/21 S= 27/27 T= 32/32

# October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED-</b> <b>Parent Conference</b> <b>Day</b> Elementary 8:00-3:30 Secondary 10:00-5:30 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (BL, PA & JD)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  HSA Online Testing Oct. 5-Oct. 16	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (CA & SP)				
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (CW & WS)				
	Columbus Day		PSAT Testing		MSEA Convention	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School (MS, FL & WT)				
			Reality Fair	<b>2-hr Delayed</b> <b>Opening for PD</b> (No Breakfast Served)		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Close of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period (45 days)	<b>28</b>  <b>3-hr Early Dismissal</b> PM-Teacher Work Time (No Breakfast Served)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween  S= 21/21 T= 22/22 S=48/48 T=54/54

# November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9  Report Cards Distributed	10  Focus on the Future (BR & MS)	11  Veteran's Day	12  Focus on the Future (WA & WM)	13	14
15  American Education Week	16	17  2-hr Delayed Opening for PD (No Breakfast Served)	18	19  Thanksgiving Luncheon	20	21
22	23	24	25  3-hr Early Dismissal (No Breakfast Served)	26  SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED  Thanksgiving Day	27  SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	28
29	30  SCHOOLS REOPEN					S=19/19 T=19/19 S=67/67 T=73/73

# December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Hanukkah	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Luncheon	18	19
20	21	22	23 3-hr Early Dismissal (No Breakfast Served)	24 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas	26 Kwanzaa
27	28 SCHOOLS CLOSED	29 SCHOOLS CLOSED	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED	31 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Eve		S=17/17 T= 17/17 S= 84/84 T= 90/90

# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED  New Year's Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SCHOOLS REOPEN	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  HSA Online Testing Jan. 11-15	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Close of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem. (46 days)	<b>13</b> 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time (No Breakfast Served)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED MLK Jr Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  ACM Spring Semester Starts	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Report Cards Distributed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> SCHOOLS CLOSED System-wide Supervisor Staff Dev. Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						S=18/18 T=19/19 S=102/102 T=109/109

February 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 <b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES CLOSED</b> Presidents' Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 3-hr Early Dismissal PM- Parent Conferences Elementary & Secondary (No Breakfast Served)	25 3-hr Delayed Opening Elementary- Parent Conferences Secondary- Professional Development (No Breakfast Served)	26	27
28	29					S=20/20 T=20/20 S=122/122 T=129/129



# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MSA Science Online Testing March 2 –April 1		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13  Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17  Close of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period (44 Days)  St. Patrick's Day	18  <b>3-hr Early Dismissal</b> PM-Teacher Work Time (No Breakfast Served)	19
20  Palm Sunday	21	22	23	24  <b>3-hr Early Dismissal</b> (No Breakfast Served)	25  <b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES CLOSED</b> Good Friday* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	26
27  Easter	28  <b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES CLOSED*</b> Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	29  <b>SCHOOLS &amp; OFFICES REOPEN</b>	30	31		S= 21/21 T= 21/21 S= 143/143 T= 150/150

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Report Cards Distributed	2
3 Senior HSA Online Testing April 4-8  PARCC Testing Window April 7- May 20	4	5	6  Reality Fair	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  Earth Day	23
24  Passover	25	26  SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED  Primary Election Day	27  2-hr Delayed Opening for PD (No Breakfast Served)	28	29	30  S=20/20 T=20/20 S=163/163 T=170/170

# May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Teacher Appreciation Week	2	3	4	5	6  School Nurse's Day	7
8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19  CCTE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY	20  LAST DAY FOR SENIORS	21  Armed Forces Day
22  HSA Online Testing May 23-31	23	24  FORT HILL GRADUATION Close of 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period (45 days) <i>(Last student day without the five days)</i>	25  MOUNTAIN RIDGE GRADUATION	26  ALLEGANY GRADUATION	27	28
29	30  SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	31				S=21/21 T=21/21 S=184/184 T=191/191

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>STUDENTS'</b> <b>LAST DAY</b> <b>3-hr Early Dismissal</b> PM-Teacher Work Time (No Breakfast Served) (Last student day with built in five days)	<b>2</b> Supervisors Professional Development	<b>3</b> Principals Professional Development	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Last Day for</b> <b>Teachers</b> Teacher Work Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Report Cards Mailed Flag Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Father's Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		S=1/1 T=4/4 S=185/185 T=195/195

End of Year Student Make-up Days  
 Refer to COMAR 7-103 C (1) (b) (per waiver eligibility requirement)