

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 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Presidents' Day; Good Friday and Easter Monday; Memorial Day; Primary and General Election Days.*

August 2020 – Pre-Labor Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 1 st Day for Teachers AM-School Based PD/ PM-Teacher Work Time	20 Convocation AM-School Based Staff Development/ PM- Teacher Work Time	21 Supervisor System wide Professional Development	22
23	24 School Based School Improvement Restorative Practices Training	25 Teacher Work Time	26 SCHOOLS OPEN 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time	27	28	29
30	31 PRE-K AND K BEGINS					S= 4 T= 9 S= 4/180 T= 9/190

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
			5 th (BR/CA) Grade Outdoor School			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		5 th (BL/WS) Grade Outdoor School			Rosh Hashanah	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Yom Kippur	5 th (GC/MS/WT) Grade Outdoor School				
27	28	29	30			S= 21 T= 21 S= 25/180 T= 30/190
		5 th (FL/SP) Grade Outdoor School				
		7 th (WM) Grade Outdoor School				

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Parent Conference Day SEC. 8-9:00 Teacher Plan; 9-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences ELEM. 10-11:00 Teacher Plan; 11-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences 5th (FL/SP) Grade Outdoor School	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		5 th (FR/JD/PA) Grade Outdoor School				
		7 th (WA) Grade Outdoor School				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		5 th (CW/NE) Grade Outdoor School				
		7 th (BR) Grade Outdoor School				
	Columbus Day		PSAT Testing		MSEA Convention	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		7 th (MS) Grade Outdoor School – 2 groups				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween
			Reality Fair	End of 1 st Marking Period (45 days)		S= 21 T= 22 S= 46/180 T= 52/190

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 SCHOOLS CLOSED 8:00-11:00 Principal Staff Development 12:00-2:00 Teacher Work Time 2:00-4:00 Employee Health Fair	3 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 Focus on the Future (Set up)	10 Focus on the Future (BR & MS)	11 Veteran's Day	12 Focus on the Future (WA & WM)	13 Report Cards Released	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 3-hr Early Dismissal	26 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	27 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	28
29	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED					S= 16 T= 17 S= 62/180 T= 69/190

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SCHOOLS REOPEN 3-hr Delay Principal Staff Dev. Teacher Work Time	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10 Hanukkah	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 SCHOOLS CLOSED * possible snow make-up day	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= 16 T= 16 S= 78/180 T= 85/190

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Day	2
3	4 SCHOOLS REOPEN 3-hr Delay Principal Staff Dev. Teacher Work Time	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 End of 2 nd Marking Period - End of 1 st Semester (43 days)	16
17	18 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED MLK Jr Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	19 SCHOOLS CLOSED Supervisor Staff Development/ Teacher Work Time	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Report Cards Released	30 S= 18 T= 19 S= 96/180 T= 104/190

February 2021						
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 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Presidents' Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day Washington's Birthday	16 3-hr Delay Principal Staff Dev. Teacher Work Time	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 SCHOOLS CLOSED Parent Conference Day ELEM. 8-10 Teacher Plan; 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences SEC. 10-12 Teacher Plan; 12:00-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences	27
28						S= 18 T= 19 S= 114/180 T= 123/190

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 End of 3 rd Marking Period (46 Days) 3-hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			S= 23 T= 23 S= 137/180 T= 146/190

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1 st Grade Registration			1 SCHOOLS CLOSED * possible snow make-up day	2 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Good Friday* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	3
4 Easter	5 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	6 SCHOOLS & OFFICES REOPEN 3-hr Delay Principal Staff Dev. Teacher Work Time	7	8	9 Report Cards Released	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Reality Fair	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	S= 19 T= 19 S= 156/180 T= 165/190

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 AP Testing May 3-7	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 AP Testing May 10-14 Mother's Day	10	11	12 School Nurse's Day	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19	20 CCTE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY	21 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS	22
23	24	25	26 FORT HILL GRADUATION	27 ALLEGANY GRADUATION	28	29
30	31 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day* Refer to COMAR 7-102, possible snow Make-up day					S= 20 T= 20 S= 176/180 T= 185/190

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MOUNTAIN RIDGE GRADUATION	2	3	4 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time Close of 4 th MP (46 days) (Last student/teacher day WITHOUT the 5 days)	5
6	7 TEACHERS' LAST DAY 8:00-10:00 - Principal Meeting/Teacher Work Time (Last teacher day WITHOUT the 5 days)	8	9	10	11 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time (Last student/teacher day WITH 5 days)	12
13	14 TEACHERS' LAST DAY 8:00-10:00 - Principal Meeting/Teacher Work Time (Last teacher day WITH 5 days) Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24 Reports Cards Released	25	26
27	28	29	30			S= 9 T= 10 S=185/180 T=195/190

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