

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. Senate Bill 610- Virtual Education Days for A Severe Weather Event

A local superintendent may decide to provide a day of virtual education for public school students in the county only if (1) the local school system has used all the days incorporated into its calendar for school closures for severe weather conditions; (2) the local board of education has authorized the local superintendent to provide virtual education days to students; (3) and the local superintendent determines the severe weather conditions are likely to prevent normal attendance at the public school.

The district has built in three days for school closures for severe weather conditions at the end of the school year. Please refer to the month of June 2026.

A virtual education day must consist of not less than four hours of synchronous instruction and asynchronous instruction designed to maximize the advantages of online access.

**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.*

ACPS and ACEA Career Ladder MOU Agreement for 2025-2026 year- Extended workday with 30 minutes of collaboration for teams and interdisciplinary planning to fulfill Blueprint requirements on 16 designated Wednesdays. Identified as Collaborative Planning on the calendar. There are two makeup dates identified in the event of inclement weather.

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August 2025

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	20 1st Day for Teachers AM-School Based Staff Development/ PM-Teacher Work Time	21 AM-PowerSchool Training and School Based Staff Development PM- Teacher Work Time	22 AM - PowerSchool Training and School Based Staff Development PM - Teacher Work Time	23
24/31	25 Supervisor System-wide Professional Development	26 Teacher Planning	27 SCHOOLS OPEN 3-Hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time	28	29	30 S= 3 T= 8 S= 3/180 T= 8/190

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Labor Day	2 Pre-K-K Begins A-L	3 Pre-K-K Begins M-Z	4 All Pre-K-K Students Start School	5	6
7	8	9	10 Collaborative Planning	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Rosh Hashanah	23	24 Collaborative Planning	25	26 3-Hr Early Dismissal Staff Development Teacher Work Time	27
28	29	30				S= 21 T= 21 S= 24/180 T= 29/190

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yom Kippur	2	3	4
5	6 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	7 Tri-State College Night Allegany College 6:30-8:30 p.m.	8 PSAT Testing	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Collaborative Planning	16	17 3-Hr Early Dismissal Staff Development Teacher Work Time MSEA Convention	18
19	20	21	22 Reality Fair	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Collaborative Planning	30 End of 1 st Marking Period (45 days)	31 Schools Closed AM – Principal Staff Development PM - Teacher Work Time Halloween	S= 21 T= 23 S= 45/180 T= 52/190

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 Focus on the Future (Set-Up)	4 Focus on the Future (BR & MS)	5 Focus on the Future (WA & WM) Collaborative Planning	6	7	8
9	10 SCHOOLS CLOSED Supervisor Staff Development 8:00 am-Noon PM Teacher Work Time	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Report Cards Released	15
16	17	18	19 Collaborative Planning	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26 3-Hr Early Dismissal	27 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	28 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	29 S= 17 T= 18 S= 62/180 T= 70/190

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SCHOOLS CLOSED	2 SCHOOLS REOPEN	3 Collaborative Planning	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Hanukkah	15	16	17 Collaborative Planning	18	19	20
21	22	23 3-Hr Early Dismissal	24 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas	26 SCHOOLS CLOSED Kwanzaa	27
28	29 SCHOOLS CLOSED	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED	31 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Eve			S= 16 T= 16 S= 78/180 T= 86/190

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Day	2 SCHOOLS CLOSED	3
4	5 SCHOOLS REOPEN	6	7 Collaborative Planning	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 3-Hr Dismissal Teacher Work Time End of 2 nd Marking Period - End of 1 st Semester (43 days)	17
18	19 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED MLK Jr Day	20	21 Collaborative Planning	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Report Card Released	31 S= 19 T= 19 S= 97/180 T= 105/190

February 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Collaborative Planning	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 3-Hr Early Dismissal Staff Development Teacher Work Time	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Presidents' Day Washington's Birthday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Collaborative Planning	26	27	28 S= 19 T= 19 S= 116/180 T= 124/190

March 2026

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

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade Registration</div>			1 SCHOOLS CLOSED	2 SCHOOLS CLOSED	3 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	7	8 Collaborative Planning	9	10	11
12	13	14 Report Cards Released	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day Collaborative Planning	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Reality Fair	30		S= 18 T= 18 S= 155/180 T= 164/190

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 AP Testing May 4-8	4	5	6 School Nurse's Day Collaborative Planning Makeup Date	7	8	9
10 AP Testing May 11-15 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 CCTE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY	15 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS	16 Allegany, Fort Hill, and Mountain Ridge Graduation Day – Times TBD Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20 Collaborative Planning Makeup Date	21	22	23
24/31	25 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 S= 20 T= 20 S= 175/180 T= 184/190

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-Hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time Close of 4 th MP (46 days) Without built-in days	6
7	8 TEACHERS' LAST DAY Principal Meeting/Teacher Work Time Built in inclement weather day (1) Without built-in days	9 Built in inclement weather day (2)	10 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-Hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time Built in inclement weather day (3) With built-in days	11 TEACHERS' LAST DAY Principal Meeting/Teacher Work Time With built-in days	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Reports Cards Released	25	26	27
28	29	30				S= 8 T= 9 S=183/180 T=193/190

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

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