

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 2019 – 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	20	21 1st Day for Teachers AM-School Based PD/ PM-Teacher Work Time	22 Convocation AM-School Based Staff Development/ PM- Teacher Work Time	23 Supervisor System wide Professional Development	24
25	26 School Based School Improvement	27 Teacher Work Time	28 SCHOOLS OPEN 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time	29	30	31 S= 3 T= 8 S= 3/180 T= 8/190

September 2019

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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Rosh Hashanah	2 5 th Grade Outdoor School (CW/NE) and 7 th (WA) Grade Outdoor School	3	4	5
6	7 SCHOOLS CLOSED- Parent Conference Day ELEM. 8-9:00 Teacher Plan; 9-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences SEC. 10-11:00 Teacher Plan; 11-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences	8	9 5 th Grade Outdoor School (BE/PA) Yom Kippur	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15 5 th Grade Outdoor School (SP/BL)	16 PSAT Testing	17	18 MSEA Convention	19
20	21	22	23 Reality Fair	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 End of 1 st Marking Period (45 days) Halloween		S= 22 T= 23 S= 45/180 T= 51/190

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SCHOOLS CLOSED 8:00-11:00 Principal Staff Development 11:00-2:00 Teacher Work Time 2:00-5:00 Employee Health Fair	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 Focus on the Future (Set up)	5 Focus on the Future (BR & MS)	6 Focus on the Future (WA & WM)	7	8 Report Cards Released	9
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 3-hr Early Dismissal	28 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	29 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	30 S= 18 T= 19 S= 63/180 T= 70/190

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Day	2 SCHOOLS REOPENS 2-hr Delay Teacher Work Time	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 End of 2 nd Marking Period - End of 1 st Semester (44 days)	18
19	20 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED MLK Jr Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	21 SCHOOLS CLOSED Supervisor Staff Development/Teacher Work Time	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Report Cards Released	29	30	31	S= 20 T= 21 S= 97/180 T= 105/190

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Groundhog Day	3 2-hr Delay Principal Staff Development	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Presidents' Day* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day Washington's Birthday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 S= 19 T= 19 S= 116/180 T= 124/190

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 SCHOOLS CLOSED- Parent Conference Day ELEM. 10-12 Teacher Plan; Parent Conferences 12:00-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences SEC. 8-10 Teacher Plan; 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 End of 3 rd Marking Period (46 Days) 3 hr. Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time	28
29	30	31				S= 21 T= 22 S= 137/180 T= 146/190

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1 st Grade Registration		
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Report Cards Released	8	9 SCHOOLS CLOSED	10 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Good Friday* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	11
12 Easter	13 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED* Refer to COMAR 7-103, possible snow make-up day	14 SCHOOLS & OFFICES REOPEN 2-hr Delay Teacher Work Time	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Reality Fair Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Primary Election Day	29	30		S= 18 T= 18 S= 155/180 T= 164/190

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 AP Testing May 4-8	4	5	6 School Nurse's Day	7	8	9
10 AP Testing May 11-15 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21 CCTE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY	22 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS	23
24	25 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day* Refer to COMAR 7-102, possible snow Make-up day	26 MOUNTAIN RIDGE GRADUATION	27 ALLEGANY GRADUATION	28 FORT HILL GRADUATION	29	30
31						S= 20 T= 20 S= 175/180 T= 184/190

June 2020

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 (45 days) <i>(Last student/teacher day WITHOUT the 5 days)</i>	6
7	8 TEACHERS' LAST DAY 8:00-10:00 - Principal Meeting Teacher Work Time <i>(Last teacher day WITHOUT the 5 days)</i>	9	10	11	12 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time <i>(Last student/teacher day WITH 5 days)</i>	13
14 Flag Day	15 TEACHERS' LAST DAY 8:00-10:00 - Principal Meeting Teacher Work Time <i>(Last teacher day WITH 5 days)</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Reports Cards Released	26	27
28	29	30				S= 10 T= 11 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)