Anne Arundel County Public Schools
2018 – 2019 School Calendar

Key:

| 24 | Schools closed |
| 12 | Two-hour early dismissal |
| 27 | First/Last day for students |
| Bold calendar type—See explanations below |

**August**

11 Fall Sports begin.
15–17 New Teacher Onboarding Kickoff.
20–21 Elementary literacy training for new teachers.
22 Eid-al-Adha—Schools & Central Offices open.
See notes under Religious Observances.
23–30 Opening activities for teachers
(To include the equivalent of two teacher workdays).
31 Schools closed for teachers.

**September**

3 Labor Day — Schools & Central Offices closed.
4 Schools open for grades 1–5 and grades 6 and 9 only.
4 | 5 Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-day Pre-K students.
5 Schools open for students in grades 1 through 12.
6 | 7 | 10 Staggered entrance for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten students.*
7 First day of school for ECI students.*
7 | 10 | 11 Staggered entrance for Half-day Prekindergarten students.*
10 Rosh Hashanah — Schools & Central Offices open.
See notes under Religious Observances.
11 First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten students.
12 First day for all Half-day Prekindergarten students.
19 Yom Kippur—Schools & Central Offices closed.
See notes under Religious Observances.

**October**

8 Interims to be sent home by this date.
17 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
23 Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.

**November**

6 General Elections — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
8 | 9 End of first marking period (46 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.
12 Beginning of second marking period.
12–16 American Education Week.
15 Winter Sports begin.
20 Report card distribution for all students.
21–23 Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices Closed.

**December**

6 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
17 Interims to be sent home by this date.
24–1/1 Christmas/Winter Break—All schools closed December 24 through January 1 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed December 24–25 and December 31.

**January**

1 All Schools & Central Offices closed.
2 Schools open for teachers and students.
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
29 | 30 End of second marking period. (47 days)
Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
31 Schools closed for students. Workday for all teachers.

**School Closings as Required by Law**

As required by state or federal law, AACPS will be closed:

- Labor Day (September 3, 2018)
- Election Day (November 6, 2018)
- Thanksgiving (November 22 and 23, 2018)
- Christmas/New Year (December 24, 2018, through January 1, 2019)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (January 21, 2019)
- Presidents Day (February 18, 2019)
- Good Friday (April 19, 2019)
- Easter Monday (April 22, 2019)
- Memorial Day (May 27, 2019)

*For more information on the start of Kindergarten, Pre-K, or ECI, contact your local school or visit the Early Childhood website at www.aacps.org/earlychildhood

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February

1 Beginning of third marking period.
6 Prekindergarten Application period begins.
6 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
8 Progress Report/Report Card distribution for all students.
18 Presidents Day — **All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

March

1 Spring sports begin.
5 **Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.
11 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window opens. Grades 5 & 8 (closes March 29).
12 Interims to be sent home by this date.
26 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**

April

3 Registration for Kindergarten begins.
8 | 9 End of third marking period (46 days).
**Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**
10 Beginning of fourth marking period.
17 Report Card distribution for all students.
18-22 Easter/Spring Break — **All Schools and Central Offices closed.**
24 PARCC testing window opens (closes June 6).

May

14 Interims to be sent home by this date.
7 High School Assessment (HSA) Government and MISA administration window opens (closes June 7).
20 | 21 Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and ECI. Schools closed for those students.
23 Last day for graduating seniors.
27 Memorial Day — **All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

June

4 Eid-al-Fitr — **Schools & Central Offices open. See notes under Religious Observances.**
12 Last day for half-day Prekindergarten and ECI students.
13 | 14 End of fourth marking period (44 days).
**Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**
14 Last day for students.
17 Last day for teachers.

July

4 Independence Day — **All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
**TBA Summer School begins.**
22 High School Assessment (HSA) Government and MISA Summer Administration window opens (closes August 2).

Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings

This calendar has two days built in at the end of the school year for emergency closings, making the school year 183 student days and 193 teacher days. If either of the two emergency days are not used, they shall be deducted from the June closing date.

If more than two additional makeup days are needed:
- Tuesday, March 5 will be used as a makeup day. Any additional days would be made up the week of June 17–21.
- If emergency closings affect the end of any marking period, the calendar will be adjusted and the marking period extended so that both early dismissal days occur at the end of the marking period. This applies to all students.
- There must be one non-student day between the second and third marking periods.

Religious Observances for Students

Anne Arundel County Public Schools will operate on a normal schedule on the following days of major religious observance:
- Eid al-Adha (August 22, 2018)
- Rosh Hashanah (September 10, 2018)
- Eid al-Fitr (June 4, 2019)

Tests and examinations shall not be scheduled on any of the above dates. Tests and examinations for Evening High School students shall also not be scheduled on the day a major religious observance begins.

Jewish and Muslim religious observance dates are set according to the Lunar calendar, beginning at sundown on the evening prior to the date noted above and concluding at sundown the next evening.

Athletics and other school-sponsored extracurricular activities will not take place after sundown on the day before a religious observance starts or before sundown on the day of a religious observance.

Students who are absent from school due to a religious observance, as noted on this calendar, will be allowed to make up all work missed due to that absence, and such absence shall not affect a student’s eligibility for perfect attendance recognition.