Anne Arundel County Public Schools
2020 – 2021 School Calendar

Key:
- CA = schools closed
- 22 = two-hour early dismissal
- 27 = final day for students
- 28 = final day for staff
- 29 = two-hour early dismissal

August
12: Fall sports begin.
28: Schools closed for teachers.
29: Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
31: Labor Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

September
1: Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
2: Schools open for students in grades 1 through 12.
3: Conferences for Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
4: September recess for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.
3-4, 8: staggered entrance for Full-time PreKindergarten.
7: First day of school for ECI students.
8: First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day PreKindergarten.
9: First day for all Half-day PreKindergarten.
28: Yom Kippur — All Schools & Central Offices closed. See notes under Religious Observances.

October
12: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
13: Schools closed for students.
14: Parent-Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.
15: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
21: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
22: P-12 Professional Development.
29: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
30: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.

November
5-8: Anniversary of Native American Thanksgiving (half-day for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and ECI students).
10: Veterans Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
18: End of first marking period (46 days). Parent-Teacher conferences for students. Schools closed for p.m. PreKindergarten and ECI students.
19: Beginning of second marking period.
25-27: Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices Closed.

December
9: Professional Development — Two-hour early dismissal for all students.
10: Schools closed for P.M. PreKindergarten and ECI students.
11: Students to be sent home by this date.
24-27: Christmas/Winter Break — All schools closed December 24 through January 1. Students should only return to school on January 2 for PreKindergarten and ECI students.

January
5-6: All Schools & Central Offices closed.
19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration.
28: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration.

February
1-2: Professional Development — One-hour early dismissal for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and ECI students.
19: Professional Development — One-hour early dismissal for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and ECI students.

March
1: All Schools & Central Offices closed.
18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration.

April
18: Spring Break.

May
19-20: End of second marking period (46 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workshops. Schools closed for p.m. PreKindergarten and ECI students.
27: Schools closed for students. Professional Development — One-hour early dismissal for PreKindergarten and ECI students.

June
24-25: End of third marking period.

Note: January 27 only may be made a school day for all students. See “Calendar notes” on the reverse side regarding inclement weather closings.

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2020–2021
School Year Calendar
2020–2021 School Year Calendar Survey

October 4, 2019 through October 16, 2019

Available in English and Spanish
Do respondents want to…

...start school on August 31, 2020, and end approximately on June 11, 2021

or

...start school on September 8, 2020 and end approximately on June 18, 2021?
Objectives

Do respondents want school to always start

...before Labor Day

...after Labor Day

or to

allow the school system to determine the beginning of school based on holidays and calendar considerations each year?
Do respondents support extending the school year to include additional days off for Easter/Spring Break?
2020–2021 School Year Calendar Survey Results

12,557 Total Respondents

Parent or Guardian
(Total: 7,682)

School System Employee
(Total: 3,578)

Parent and AACPS Employee
(Total: 621)

Community Member
(Total: 461)

1.71% Student
(Total: 215)

28.49% Student
(Total: 215)
*Respondents may belong to more than one cluster.
2020–2021 School Year Calendar Survey Results

Start and End Date

I prefer school to start and end…

By the end of the 2020–2021 school year, the survey results showed that 48.97% of respondents preferred the school year to start on August 31, 2020, and end on June 11, 2021. Meanwhile, 51.03% preferred the school year to start on September 8, 2020, and end on June 18, 2021.
2020–2021 School Year Calendar Survey Results

Starting the School Year*

I believe schools should start…

- Before Labor Day: 14.93%
- After Labor Day: 43.76%
- Depends on holidays/other considerations: 41.31%

*11 Respondents skipped this question.
2020–2021 School Year Calendar Survey Results

Easter/Spring Break*

Easter/Spring Break should be extended…

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*91 Respondents skipped this question.
School year begins on August 31, 2020

School year tentatively ends on June 11, 2021

Holiday closings same as in 2019–2020 School Year
(Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening)

Schools closed for Election Day (November 3, 2020)

3 days for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Columbus Day is a conference day
• 12 early dismissal days
  – 8 at end of marking periods (2 each marking period)
  – 4 Equity/Achievement Gap PD days
• 2 inclement weather days built in
  Conditional third on March Parent-Teacher Conference date
2020–2021 School Year Calendar

Calendar Committee Representatives

- TAAAC (2)
- AEL (2)
- AFSCME (2)
- SAAAAC (2)
- CAC (2)
- AACCPTAs (2)
- CRASC (2)

- Student Data
- Instructional Data
- Curriculum & Instruction
- School Performance
- Athletics
- Prof. Growth & Development
- Human Resources
- Employee Relations
- Payroll
- School & Family Partnerships
• Add three days to Easter/Spring Break making the break six days

• Extend projected last day of school for students from June 11, 2021, to June 16, 2021

• Extend projected last day of work for teachers from June 14, 2021, to June 17, 2021
October Parent-Teacher Conference Days

Shifting early dismissal day from April to May
### 2020–2021 School Calendar

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

#### August
- **12** Fall Sports begin.
- **TBD** New Teacher Onboarding Kickoff.
- **TBD** Reading Program training for new teachers.
- **20–27** Opening activities for teachers
- **28** Schools closed for teachers.
- **31** Schools open for grades 1–5 and grades 6 and 9 only.
- **31** Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.

#### September
- **1** Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
- **1** Schools open for students in grades 1 through 12.
- **2** Conferences for Half-Day Pre-K & ECI students.
- **2–4** Staggered entrance for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.*
- **3–4,8** Staggered entrance for Half-day Prekindergarten.*
- **7** Labor Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **3** First day of school for ECI students.*
- **8** First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.
- **9** First day for all Half-day Prekindergarten.
- **19** Rosh Hashanah — See notes under Religious Observances.
- **28** Yom Kippur — All Schools & Central Offices closed. See notes under Religious Observances.

#### October
- **2** Interims to be sent home by this date.
- **12** Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.
- **13** Schools closed for elementary and middle school students. Schools open for Parent/Teacher conferences. Schools open for all high school students.
- **14** PSAT Administration (Grade 11 only).
- **21** Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.

#### November
- **3** Elections — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **5–16** End of first marking period (45 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.
- **9** Beginning of second marking period.
- **14** Winter Sports begin.
- **16–20** American Education Week.
- **17** Report card distribution for students in grades 1–12.
- **25–27** Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices Closed.

#### December
- **9** Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- **11** 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, 31, and January 1.

#### January
- **1** All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **4** Schools open for teachers and students.
- **18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **25–26** End of second marking period, (46 days) Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- **27** Schools closed for students. Professional Development day/Workday for elementary and middle school.
- **28** Beginning of third marking period.

**Note:** January 27 may be made a school day for all students. See ‘Calendar Notes’ on the reverse side regarding Inclement Weather closings.

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*For more information on the start of Kindergarten, Pre-K, or ECI, contact your local school or visit the Early Childhood website at www.ascps.org/earlychildhood*
February
TBD Prekindergarten Application begins.
4 Progress Report/Report card distribution for all students.
10 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
15 President's Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

March
1 Spring sports begin.
5 Interims to be sent home by this date.
10 Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.
29-4/5 Easter/Spring Break — All Schools closed.

April
1-5 Easter/Spring Break — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
TBD Registration for Kindergarten begins.
13 & 14 End of third marking period (47 days).
Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.
15 Beginning of fourth marking period.
21 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
26 Report Card distribution for students in grades 1–12.

May
7 Interim to be sent home by this date.
TBA High School Assessment (HSA) Administration. (Government & Biology)
13 Eid-al-Adha — Schools & Central Offices open. See notes under Religious Observances.
TBA Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, & ECI. Schools closed for those students.
27 Last day for graduating seniors.
31 Memorial Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

June
15-16 End of fourth marking period (44 days).
Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.
16 Last day for students.
17 Last day for teachers.

July
5 Independence Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
20 Eid-al-Fitr — See notes under Religious Observances
TBA Summer School begins.
TBA High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.

School Closings Required by Law
- Labor Day (September 7, 2020)
- Thanksgiving (November 26, 2020)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (January 18, 2021)
- Presidents Day (February 15, 2021)
- Good Friday (April 2, 2021)
- Easter Monday (April 5, 2021)
- Memorial Day (May 31, 2021)

Religious Observances
Anne Arundel County Public Schools will operate on a normal schedule on the following days of major religious observances:
- September 19: Rosh Hashanah
- September 28: Yom Kippur
- November 14: Diwali (No Moon Day)
- May 13: Eid-al-Fitr
- July 20: Eid-al-Adha

Tests and examinations, including mandated tests and assessments, shall not be scheduled on any of the above dates. Tests and examinations, including mandated tests and assessments, for evening high schools shall also not be scheduled on the day of or after a religious observance occurs.

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.

For Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Eid-al-Fitr, and Eid-al-Adha, athletics and other school-sponsored extracurricular activities will not take place after sundown on the day before the religious observance starts or before sundown on the first day of a multi-day 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.