

# 2021–22 School Year Calendar

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(Current as of 9/24/21)

## August

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**18–24 | New Teacher Onboarding Activities**

**25–31 | Opening activities for all teachers.**

## September

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**1,2 | Opening activities for all teachers. (Closed for teachers 9/3)**

6 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Labor Day.

7 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Rosh Hashanah.  
(See *School Sponsored Activities*, page two.)

**8 | Schools open for grades 1–5 and grades 6 and 9 only.**

**9 | Schools open for grades 1–12.**

**8–17 | Staggered Openings for ECI, PreK, and Kindergarten (see chart below).**

16 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Yom Kippur. (See *School Sponsored Activities*, page two.)

## October

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**20 | Two-hour early dismissal. No afternoon ECI or PreK. Project Unity Day. Professional Development.**

**21 | Two-hour early dismissal.  
No afternoon ECI or PreK.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

## November

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**4 | Diwali. (See *Religious Observances*, page two.)**

**11,12 | Two-hour early dismissal.  
No afternoon ECI or PreK. End of first marking period.**

**22 | Two-hour late arrival.  
No morning ECI or PreK.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

**23 | Two-hour early dismissal.  
No afternoon ECI or PreK.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

24–26 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Thanksgiving Holiday.

## December

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**8 | Two-hour early dismissal.  
No afternoon ECI or PreK.  
Project Unity Day. Professional Development.**

24–31 | Schools closed for students. Christmas/Winter Break. Schools closed for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed December 24, 27, 30, & 31.

## January

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17 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration.

26 | Mo Gaba Day

27,28 | **Two-hour early dismissal. No afternoon ECI or PreK. End of second marking period. Teacher workdays.**

31 | Schools closed for all students. Semester break.

## February

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9 | **Two-hour early dismissal.**

**No afternoon ECI or PreK.**

**Project Unity Day. Professional Development.**

21 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Presidents Day.

## March

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7 | **Two-hour late arrival.**

**No morning ECI or PreK.**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

8 | **Two-hour early dismissal.**

**No afternoon ECI or PreK.**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

30 | **Two-hour early dismissal.**

**No afternoon ECI or PreK.**

**Project Unity Day. Professional Development.**

## April

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7,8 | **Two-hour early dismissal.**

**No afternoon ECI or PreK. End of third marking period.**

11–15,18 | Schools closed for students. Easter/Spring Break. Schools closed for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed April 14, 15, & 18.

## May

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3 | **Schools closed for students. Professional Development. Eid al-Fitr. (See School Sponsored Activities.)**

26,27 | Schools closed for ECI, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten. (Conferences)

26 | Last day for graduating seniors.

30 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Memorial Day.

## June

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20,21 | **Two-hour early dismissal. No half-day PreK or ECI. End of fourth marking period.**

21 | **Last day for students.**

22 | **Last day for teachers.**

28 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Primary Election Day.

## July

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4 | Schools & Central Offices closed. Independence Day.

**TBD | Summer School begins.**

**Staggered Openings for ECI, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten**

The year begins with parent/teacher conferences. Kindergarten and PreK classes are divided into three groups. Each groups begins on a different day. On the fourth day, all students attend together.

C—Conferences S—Staggered opening A—All students		<b>September</b>						
ECI	C	C	C	A				
Half Day PreK	C	C	C	S	S	S	A	
PreK/Kindergarten	C	C	S	S	S	A		
For more information contact your local school.								

**Number of School Days**

184 Student days  
194 Teacher days

**Report Cards/Progress Reports**

November 23 (Grades 1–12)  
February 8 (Grades PreK–12)  
April 27 (Grades 1–12)  
End of Year TBA (Grades PreK–12)

**Sports Begin**

Fall—August 11  
Winter—November 15  
Spring—March 1

**Test Administration**

October 13 —PSAT Administration for high school juniors  
March TBA —Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window opens. Grades 5 and 8.  
March 23 —SAT Administration for high school juniors  
April TBA—Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) testing window for ELA and Mathematics opens  
May TBA —MCAP Social Studies 8, Government, and HS-MISA testing window opens

**PreK/Kindergarten Applications**

February 8—Prek Application begins.  
April 5 —Kindergarten Registration begins.

**American Education Week**

November 15–19

**School Closings Required by Law**

Labor Day (Sept. 6)  
Thanksgiving (Nov. 25)  
Christmas/New Year (Dec. 24–31)  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (Jan. 17)  
Presidents Day (Feb. 21)  
Good Friday (April 15)  
Easter Monday (April 18)  
Memorial Day (May 30)

**Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings**

**Make-up Days**

Three make-up days are included at the end of the school year.

Any additional days needed will be added to the June closing date.

Unused make-up days shall be deducted from the June closing date.

#### End of Marking Periods

If emergency closings affect the end of any marking period, the marking period will be extended so that both early dismissal days occur at the end of the marking period. This applies to all schools.

There must be one non-student day between the second and third marking periods.

#### Religious Observances

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AACPS will operate on a normal schedule on the following days of major religious observance:

November 4, 2021: Diwali  
(No Moon Day)

July 10, 2022: Eid al-Adha

Jewish and Muslim religious observance dates begin at sundown on the evening prior to the dates noted and conclude at sundown the next evening.

#### Tests & Examinations

AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) shall not be scheduled on any of the religious observances noted in this calendar. Tests and examinations for a grade will not be administered on the school day following any of the religious observances noted in this calendar, unless the observance concludes on a Friday or Saturday night. Similarly, AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) for Evening High School students shall also not be scheduled on the evening before or the day of evening of a religious observance.

#### School Sponsored Activities

For Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Eid-al-Fitr, and Eid al-Adha, no athletics or other school-sponsored extracurricular activities will take place after sundown on the day before the observance or before sundown on the first day of a multi-day religious observance.

#### Student Absences

Students absent from school due to a religious observance noted on this calendar will be allowed the option to make up work missed due to that absence. Such absence shall not affect a student's eligibility for perfect attendance recognition.