

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Text Version

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### August

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- 12 Fall Sports begin.
- 17 New Teacher Onboarding Kickoff.
- 27–9/3 Opening activities for teachers

### September

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- 4 Schools closed for teachers.**
- 7 Labor Day—All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 8 Schools open for grades 1–12.**
- 8–9 Conferences for **Kindergarten and Full-day and Half-Day Pre-K & ECI** students.
- 10 Conferences for **Half-Day Pre-K & ECI** students.
- 10–14 Staggered entrance for **Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.\***
- 11 First day of school for **ECI students.\***
- 11|14|15 Staggered entrance for **Half-day Prekindergarten.\***
- 15 First day for all **Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.**
- 16 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](#).

\*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](http://www.aacps.org/earlychildhood)

### October

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- 9 Interims to be distributed via Parent Portal.
- 12 Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.
- 13 Schools closed for elementary and middle school students** for Parent/Teacher conferences. Schools open for all high school students.
- 14 SAT Administration for high school seniors.
- 21 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**

### November

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- 3 Elections—All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 12 | 13 End of first marking period (45 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 14 Winter Sports begin.
- 16 Beginning of second marking period.
- 16–20 American Education Week.
- 24 Report card distribution for students in grades 1–12.
- 25–27 Thanksgiving Holiday—  
All Schools & Central Offices Closed.**

## December

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- 9 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 18 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

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- 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.**
- 26 PSAT administration for high school juniors
- 28 | 29** End of second marking period. (44 days)  
**Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**

## February

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- 1 Schools closed for students.** Professional Development day/Workday for elementary and middle school. (**Note:** may be made a school day for all students. See Inclement Weather section.)
- 2 Beginning of third marking period.
- 9 Progress Report/Report card distribution for all students.
- 9 Prekindergarten Application begins.
- 10 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 15 **Presidents Day—All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

## March

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- 1 Spring sports begin.
- 5 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 8 Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) window opens. Grades 5 & 6.
- 10 Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.

## April

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- 1–5 Easter/Spring Break—  
All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 7 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.**
- 23 Report Card distribution for students in grades 1–12.

## May

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- 3 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration. (Government & Biology)
- 7 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 13 Eid al-Fitr— Schools & Central Offices open. See notes under *Religious Observances*.
- 27 Last day for graduating seniors.
- 27 | 28 Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, & ECI. Schools closed for those students.
- 31 Memorial Day—All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

## June

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- 17 | 18** End of fourth marking period (46 days).  
**Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**  
**Schools closed for all Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 18 Last day for students.
- 21 Last day for teachers.

## July

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- 5 Independence Day—**  
**All Schools & Central Office closed.**
- 7 Summer School begins.
- 19 High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.
- 20 Eid al-Adha—See notes under *Religious Observances*

## School Closings Required by Law

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- **Labor Day** (September 7, 2020)
- **Thanksgiving** (November 26 2020)
- **Christmas/New Year** (December 24, 2020, *through* January 1, 2021)
- **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)

## Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings

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This calendar has two days built in at the end of the school year for emergency closings, making the school year 182 student days and 193 teacher days. If any 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:**

- Wednesday, March 10, 2021, will be converted to a school day if a third inclement weather day is needed by this date.
- If more than three additional makeup days are needed or if a makeup day is needed because of inclement weather after March 10, 2021, days will be added to the end of the school year.
- 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 schools.
- There must be one non-student day between the second and third marking periods.

## Religious Observances

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In addition to the above, Anne Arundel County Public Schools will operate on a normal schedule on the following days of major religious observance:

- November 14: Diwali (No Moon Day)
- May 13: Eid al-Fitr
- July 20: Eid al-Adha

AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) shall not be scheduled on any of the above dates. Similarly, AACPS tests and examinations (including mandated tests and assessments) for Evening High School students shall also not be scheduled on the day of or day after a religious observance occurs. There will be no AACPS activities on Saturday, September 19 (Rosh Hashanah).

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 the option to make up work missed due to that absence, and such absence shall not affect a student's eligibility for perfect attendance recognition.