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Office of the Chief Executive Officer

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BCPSS Calendar
for the 2007-2008
School Year

TO: Officers, Directors, and Principals

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Please distribute this circular to all staff members, and other stakeholders as appropriate.

Circular No. 39, Series 2006-2007 supersedes all other school year 2007-2008 calendar information published since the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners approved the calendar on February 13, 2007. The Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) 2007-2008 school-year calendar includes special dates for examinations, report cards, and closing activities; testing calendar; and a single-page summary of holiday closings. Communicating this information widely is important so that all BCPSS stakeholders can have advance notice for scheduling purposes.

Highlights of the 2007-2008 school-year calendar include the following:

- School-based administrators return on Monday, August 13, 2007.
- The 2007 CEO's Academy will take place on Tuesday, August 14, 2007.
- **Ten-month BCPSS employees return on Wednesday, August 22, 2007.**
- **Schools open for students on Monday, August 27, 2007.**
- The school year will include ten whole-day professional development days.
- Six early-release days for ALL students are included to promote more flexible scheduling of parent conferences as a systemwide activity during report card distribution windows. Because high school examinations require longer administration time and teachers must be given sufficient time to grade the examinations for appropriate entry into SASI, an additional six scheduled early-release days for high school students ONLY during mid-term examination days (January 15-18, 2008) and final examinations days (June 4-6, 2008) are included in the 2007-2008 school calendar. If necessary, activities associated with records management can be conducted on any early-release day.
- **The calendar for school year 2007-2008 includes a Mayoral Primary Election Day on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, a Mayoral General Election Day on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, and a Presidential Primary Election Day on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, when schools are closed.**
- The High School Fair has been scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2007, the last day of American Education Week.

- If there is no need to close schools because of weather-related emergencies, the last day for students will be Thursday, June 12, 2008, when schools will close according to the early dismissal schedule. In the event of weather-related emergency closings, as many as five days will be added to the calendar (Friday, June 13; Monday, June 16; Tuesday, June 17; Wednesday, June 18; and Thursday, June 19).
- Monday, December 24, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008 is the winter break, with schools reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.
- Friday, March 21, 2008 through Friday, March 28, 2008 is the spring break, with schools reopening on Monday, March 31, 2008.
- Special Dates and Testing Calendar information for the 2007-2008 school year are attached to this circular.

To avoid schedule conflicts, please do not program back-to-school activities on the evening of Tuesday, September 25, 2007, which is an announced date for a public business meeting of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

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Attachment (5 pages)



Baltimore City Public School System

2007-2008 School-Year Calendar

JULY 2007						
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Teachers: 0		July	Students: 0	
4		Holiday – Independence Day (BCPSS Closed)		
9-13		Chief Academic Officer's Leadership Retreat		
23-27		Chief Academic Officer's Leadership Retreat		
Teachers: 8		August	Students: 5	
6-17		New Teachers' Summer Institute		
13		Administrators Return to Work		
14		Chief Executive Officer's Academy		
15-17		Area Administrators' Meetings		
20-21		School-Based Orientation for New Hires (Teachers)		
22		Teachers and Ten-Month Employees Report to Work		
22-24		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development		
27		Opening Day for Students		
Teachers: 18		September	Students: 17	
3		Holiday – Labor Day (BCPSS Closed)		
11		Mayoral Primary Election Day – Schools Closed for Students and Teachers		
28		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
Teachers: 23		October	Students: 21	
5		Progress Reports Issued to Parents		
18		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
19		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
19		QUEST Conference		
Teachers: 19		November	Students: 19	
2		End of First Quarter		
5		Beginning of Second Quarter		
6		Mayoral General Election Day – (BCPSS Closed)		
9-16		First Quarter Report Cards Issued		
11-17		American Education Week		
16		Early-Release Day – Parent Conferences/Records Management		
17		High School Fair		
22-23		Holiday – Thanksgiving (BCPSS Closed)		
Teachers: 15		December	Students: 15	
14		Progress Reports Issued to Parents		
24-31		Winter Break		
Teachers: 21		January	Students: 20	
1		Winter Break		
2		Return to School/Work		
15-18		High School Examinations		
15-18		Early-Release Days for High Schools Only (examinations)		
18		Early-Release Day – Parent Conferences/Records Management		
18		End of Second Quarter/End of First Semester		
21		Holiday – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (BCPSS Closed)		
22		Beginning of Third Quarter		
24-30		Second Quarter/First Semester Report Cards Issued		
31		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
Teachers: 19		February	Students: 17	
1		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
12		Presidential Primary Election Day – BCPSS Closed for Students and Teachers		
18		Holiday – Presidents Day – BCPSS Closed		
25		Progress Reports Issued to Parents		
29		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
Teachers: 15		March	Students: 14	
20		Whole-Day Systemic Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students		
21-28		Spring Break		
31		Return to School/Work		
Teachers: 22		April	Students: 22	
8		End of Third Quarter		
9		Beginning of Fourth Quarter		
14-18		Third Quarter Report Cards Issued		
18		Early-Release Day – Parent Conferences/Records Management		

JANUARY 2008						
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<i>Teachers: 21</i>		May	<i>Students: 21</i>
14	Progress Reports Issued to Parents		
20-22	Final Examinations for Seniors		
23	Grades Close for Seniors		
26	Holiday – Memorial Day Observed (BCPSS Closed)		
30	Report Cards Issued for Seniors		
30-31	High School Graduations		
<i>Teachers: 9</i>		June	<i>Students: 9</i>
1-2	High School Graduations		
4-6	Final Examinations for High Schools		
4-6	Early-Release Days for High Schools Only (final examinations)		
6	Closing Exercises for Elementary Schools		
9-11	Early-Release Days – Parent Conferences/Records Management		
10	Closing Exercises for Middle Schools		
12	Last Day for Students and Teachers, Unless There Are Weather-Related Closings		
13	Last day if schools are closed for one inclement weather day		
16	Last day if schools are closed for two inclement weather days		
17	Last day if schools are closed for three inclement weather days		
18	Last day if schools are closed for four inclement weather days		
19	Last Day If Schools Are Closed for Five Inclement Weather Days		
16-18	Report Cards Issued/Mailed to All Students		
<i>Total Teacher Days: 190</i>			<i>Total Student Days: 180</i>

Thursday, June 12, 2008 will be the last day of school for students and teachers if there is no need to close schools due to weather-related emergencies during the 2007-2008 school year. However, this calendar includes five make-up days, identifying **that the last day of school could be Thursday, June 19, 2008.** If all of the scheduled make-up days are not necessary, the student year will be reduced accordingly.

If inclement weather conditions force the closing of schools for more than five days, it will be necessary to alter the school calendar. **Teacher days, however, will not exceed 190. Student days will not exceed 180.** The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners reserves the right to amend the 2007-2008 school calendar based upon the needs of the BCPSS.

Baltimore City Public School System 2007-2008 School Testing Calendar

Date(s)	Name of Test	Grade(s)
July 30, 2007	Algebra I/Data Analysis	Students completing Algebra/Data Analysis and Geometry
July 31, 2007	English II HSA	Students completing English II
August 1, 2007	Government HSA	Students completing Government
August 2, 2007	Biology I HSA	Students completing Biology I
August 3, 2007	HSA Make-ups of all contents	
September 4, 2007 - April 3, 2008	Alternate MSA (Portfolio Development Window)	Special Education Students Grades 3-8 and 10
August 27, - November 16, 2007	The Work Sampling System Observation Period	Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
September 15, 2007	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors
October 1-9, 2007	TerraNova Testing Window	Grade 8 Students
October 6, 2007	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
October 17, 2007	PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)	Grades 9, 10, and 11
October 20, 2007	PSAT/NMSQT (Saturday Administration)	Grades 9, 10, and 11
October 27, 2007	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors
November 3, 2007	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
November 19, 2007 – February 22, 2008	The Work Sampling System Observation Period	Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
December 1, 2007	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
December 8, 2007	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors
January 7, 2008	Government HSA	Students completing Government
January 8, 2008	English II HSA*	Students completing English II
January 9, 2008	Biology I HSA	Students completing Biology I
January 11, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA**	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
January 14, 2008	Government HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Government
January 15, 2008	English II HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing English II
January 16, 2008	Biology I HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Biology I
January 17, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
January 22, 2008	Government HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Government
January 23, 2008	English II HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing English II
January 24, 2008	Biology I HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Biology I
January 25, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
January 26, 2008	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
February 9, 2008	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors
February 25 - May 23, 2008	The Work Sampling System Observation Period	Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
March 1, 2008	SAT I	High School Juniors and Seniors
March 3 - 31, 2008	ELPT Administration Window	English Language Learners (ELL)
March 10-18, 2008	Stanford 10 Achievement Testing Window	Grades 1 and 2
April 1-10, 2008	Maryland School Assessment (MSA) Administration - Reading and Mathematics	Grades 3-8
April 11-16, 2008	Maryland School Assessment (MSA) Make-up Testing - Reading and Mathematics	Grades 3-8
April 12, 2008	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors
April 23 –May 13, 2008	MSA Science Administration Window	Grades 5 and 8
May 5-9, 2008	Advance Placement Examinations (AP)	High School Students enrolled in AP courses
May 7, 2008	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
May 12-16, 2008	Advance Placement Examinations (AP)	High School Students enrolled in AP courses
May 19, 2008	Government HSA	Students completing Government
May 20, 2008	English II HSA *	Students completing English II
May 21, 2008	Biology I HSA	Students completing Biology I
May 22, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA **	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
May 27, 2008	Government HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Government
May 28, 2008	English II HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing English II
May 29, 2008	Biology I HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Biology I
May 30, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
June 2, 2008	Government HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Government
June 3, 2008	English II HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing English II
June 4, 2008	Biology I HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Biology I
June 5, 2008	Algebra I/Data Analysis HSA Make-up Testing	Students completing Algebra I/Data Analysis
June 7, 2008	SAT I and SAT II	High School Juniors and Seniors
June 14, 2008	ACT Assessment	High School Juniors and Seniors

Special Note

* The HSA English II assessment meets the requirements of both the High School Assessment and <i>No Child Left Behind</i> .
** HSA Algebra/Data Analysis assessment meets the requirements of both the High School Assessment and <i>No Child Left Behind</i> .



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Special Dates: Class Examinations, Report Cards, and Closing Activities
(Based on 180 days for Students)

Friday	October 5, 2007	Student Progress Reports Issued
Friday	November 2, 2007	End of First Quarter – 45 days for Students
Friday - Friday	November 9-16, 2007	First Quarter Report Cards Issued
Friday	December 14, 2007	Student Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday - Friday	January 15-18, 2008	First Semester Examinations Dates for High Schools
Friday	January 18, 2008	End of Second Quarter – 45 days for students End of First Semester – 90 days for students
Monday	January 22, 2008	Beginning of Second Semester
Thursday - Wednesday	January 24-30, 2008	Second Quarter/First Semester Report Cards Issued
Monday	February 25, 2008	Student Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday	April 8, 2008	End of Third Quarter – 44 days for students
Monday - Friday	April 14-18, 2008	Third Quarter Report Cards Issued
Wednesday	May 14, 2008	Student Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday - Thursday	May 20-22, 2008	Final Examination Dates for Seniors
Friday	May 23, 2008	Grades Close for Seniors
Tuesday - Friday	May 27-30, 2008	Senior Activities
Friday	May 30, 2008	Report Cards Issued to Seniors
Friday - Monday	May 30-June 2, 2008	High School Graduations
Wednesday - Friday	June 4-6, 2008	Final Examinations for High School Students
Friday	June 6, 2008	Closing Exercises in Elementary Schools
Tuesday	June 10, 2008	Closing Exercises in Middle Schools (or the day preceding the last day of school for students)
Thursday	June 12, 2008	End of Fourth Quarter – 46 days for students End of Second Semester – 90 days for students End of Year – 180 days for students
Monday - Wednesday	June 16-18, 2008	Fourth Quarter/Second Semester/Year-End Report Cards Issued/Mailed to Students



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS for the 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

H = Holiday

	Date	PSASA, BTU, Paraprofessionals, L44 10-Month, and CUB 10-Month	L44 12-Month	CUB 12-Month	Unaffiliated
Independence Day	Wednesday 07-04-07	H	H	H	H
Labor Day	Monday 09-03-07	H	H	H	H
Mayoral General Election Day *	Tuesday 11-06-07	H	H	H	H
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11-22-07	H	H	H	H
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday 11-23-07	H	H	H	H
Winter Holiday	Monday 12-24-07	H	H	H	H
Winter Holiday	Tuesday 12-25-07	H	H	H	H
Winter Holiday	Wednesday 12-26-07	H			
Winter Holiday	Thursday 12-27-07	H			
Winter Holiday	Friday 12-28-07	H			
Winter Holiday	Monday 12-31-07	H			
Winter Holiday	Tuesday 01-01-08	H	H	H	H
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Monday 01-21-08	H	H	H	H
Presidents Day	Monday 02-18-08	H	H	H	H
Spring Holiday	Friday 03-21-08	H	H	H	H
Spring Holiday	Monday 03-24-08	H	H	H	H
Spring Holiday	Tuesday 03-25-08	H	H	H	H
Spring Holiday	Wednesday 03-26-08	H			
Spring Holiday	Thursday 03-27-08	H			
Spring Holiday	Friday 03-28-08	H			
Memorial Day	Monday 05-26-08	H	H	H	H
		21	14	14	14

Note: A row in which H's appear for all employee units signifies that the BCPSS in its entirety is closed in observance of a specific holiday or event.

*The mayoral primary election is Tuesday, September 11, 2007, and the presidential primary election is Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Teachers and paraprofessionals are the only BCPSS employees who do not report for work on those two days.