



Anne Arundel County Public Schools 2014 – 2015 School Calendar

Adopted by the Board of Education 11/6/2013 (Revised 5/7/2014)

Key: ■ Schools closed Two-hour early dismissal First/Last day for students **Bold dates**— See explanations below

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See note in Jan. dates

August

- 11–13 New teacher orientation.
- 13 Fall Sports begin.
- 14–15 Reading Program training for new teachers.
- 18–21 Opening activities for teachers (To include the equivalent of 2 teacher workdays). Aug. 20: Prof. Development Day.
- 22 Schools closed for teachers.**
- 25 Schools open for **grades 1–5 and grades 6 and 9 only.**
- 26 Schools open for students in **grades 1 through 12.**
- 25 & 26 Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day Pre-K students.
- 26 & 27 Conferences for Half-day Pre-K & ECI students.
- 27–29 Staggered entrance for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.
- 28 First day of school for ECI students.
- 28,29,9/2 Staggered entrance for Half-day Prekindergarten.*

September

- 1 Labor Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 2 First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.
- 3 First day for all Half-day Prekindergarten.
- 17 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 25 Rosh Hashanah – All Schools & Central Offices closed.** No extracurricular activities to be held after sundown the preceding evening.
- 26 Interims to be sent home by this date.

*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

October

- 3 No extracurricular activities to be held after sundown due to Yom Kippur (10/4/14).
- 6–17 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- 13 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 15 PSAT administration.
- 17 Schools closed for students.** MSEA Convention. Professional Development Day.
- 31 End of first marking period (47 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**

November

- 3 Beginning of second marking period.
- 4 General Elections. All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 11 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 12 Report Card/Progress Report distribution.
- 15 Winter Sports begin.
- 17–21 American Education Week.
- 24 & 25 Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary and middle schools. Professional Development day/Workday for high school teachers.
- 26–28 Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices Closed.**

December

12 Interims to be sent home by this date.

- 24–Jan. 2 Christmas/Winter Break—All schools closed** December 24 through January 2 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 & 2.

January

- 1 & 2 All Schools and Central Offices Closed.**
- 5 Schools open for teachers and students.
- 12–23 High School Assessment Administration.
- 16 Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology.
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 20–23 High School Semester Examinations. Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 23 End of second marking period (45 days).
- 26 & 27 Schools closed for students.** Professional Development day/Workday for elementary and middle school.
- 28 Beginning of third marking period.

Note: January 26 and 27 may be made school days for all students. See "Calendar Notes" on the reverse side regarding Inclement Weather closings.

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February

- 3 Report Card distribution.
- 3 Prekindergarten Application begins.
- 11 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 16 **Presidents' Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 28 Spring sports begin.

March

- 2–27 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)— Performance-Based Assessment Administration
- 6 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 3/30–4/6 **Easter/Spring Break** (see Inclement Weather notes) — **All Schools closed March 30–April 6 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV Employees. All Schools and Central Offices closed April 2–6.**

April

- 1–6 **Easter/Spring Break** (see above)
- 8 Registration for Kindergarten begins.
- 10 End of third marking period (46 days). **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 13 Beginning of fourth marking period.
- 13–5/1 MSA Science Test Administration, Grades 5 and 8 only.
- 13–17 High School Assessment (HSA) Senior Administration.
- 4/20–5/15 PARCC – End-Of-Year (EOY) Assessment Administration
- 21 Report Card distribution.
- 29 Professional Development. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**

May

- 1 MSA Science Test Administration, Grades 5 and 8 only.
- 8 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 15 End of PARCC EOY Administration period (4/20-5/15)
- 5/18–6/4 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- 21 & 22 Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, & ECI. Schools closed for those students.
- 25 **Memorial Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 28 Last day for graduating seniors.

June

- 4 End of High School Assessment (HSA) Administration period (5/18–6/4).
- 12 Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology.
- 15–18 High School Examinations, textbook collection. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for all half-day Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 18 End of fourth marking period (48 days). Last day for students.

July

- 3 **Independence Day observed — All Schools & Central Office closed.**
- 7 Summer School begins.

August

- 3–7 High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.

Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings

This calendar has five days built in at the end of the school year for emergency closings, making the school year 186 student days and 196 teacher days. If any of the five emergency days are not used, they shall be deducted from the June closing date. **If more than five additional makeup days are needed:**

- Monday, March 30 through Thursday, April 2– the first four days of Easter/Spring Break – will be used (in that order) for potential makeup days.
- Additional inclement weather closings after April 2, and any days needed beyond nine, will be added onto the end of the school year.
- If emergency closings fall on January testing days or the teacher workday, secondary schools will reschedule so that there are four consecutive testing days followed by one teacher workday. This scheduling affects all schools.

Semester Tests and Examinations

Extracurricular activities, practices, and club activities shall be scheduled at the end of the regular school day for not more than 90 minutes on the evening prior to the day of semester tests and examinations for high schools.

Religious Observances

Tests and examinations shall not be scheduled on the day of a major religious observance. Tests and examinations for evening high school will not be scheduled on the day a religious observance begins. Jewish and Muslim dates are set according to the Lunar calendar; they begin at sundown on the preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted.

- Sept. 25: Rosh Hashanah
- Oct. 4: Yom Kippur
- Oct. 5: Eid al-Adha

Appropriate Exercises

Schools shall devote a portion of the day to appropriate exercises on the following dates (or on the following Monday if date falls on the weekend):

- Oct. 13: Columbus Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans' Day
- Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Feb. 12: Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 22: Washington's Birthday
- April 24: Arbor Day
- May 25: Memorial Day

...and any other day of national significance. When schools are closed, appropriate exercises should be held on the preceding Friday.