



Anne Arundel County Public Schools 2015 – 2016 School Calendar

Approved by the Board of Education 5/6/15

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

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See note in Jan. dates

August

- 10–12 New teacher orientation.
- 13–14 Reading Program training for new teachers.
- 12 Fall Sports begin.
- 17–20 Opening activities for teachers (To include the equivalent of 2 teacher workdays). Aug. 19: Prof. Development Day.
- 21 Schools closed for teachers.**
- 24 Schools open for **grades 1–5** and **grades 6 and 9 only**.
- 25 Schools open for students in **grades 1 through 12**.
- 24, 25 Conferences for Kindergarten and Full-day Pre-K
- 25, 26 Conferences for Half-day Pre-K & ECI students.
- 26–28 Staggered entrance for **Kindergarten** and **Full-day Prekindergarten**.
- 27 First day of school for **ECI students**.
- 27, 28, 31 Staggered entrance for **Half-day Prekindergarten**.*
- 31 First day for *all* **Kindergarten** and **Full-day Prekindergarten**.

September

- 1 First day for *all* **Half-day Prekindergarten**.
- 7 Labor Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 14 Rosh Hashanah — All Schools & Central Offices closed.** No extracurricular activities to be held after sundown the preceding evening.
- 23 Yom Kippur — All Schools & Central Offices closed.** No extracurricular activities to be held after sundown the preceding evening.
- 30 Interims to be sent home by this date.

October

- 5–9 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- TBA PSAT Administration. No classes at CAT-North or CAT-South. Students remain in their home high school.
- 15 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 16 Schools closed for students.** MSEA Convention. Professional Development Day.
- 30 End of first marking period (46 days). Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**

November

- 2 Beginning of second marking period.
- 9 Report Card/Progress Report distribution.
- 11 Professional Development. Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 14 Winter Sports begin.
- 16–20 American Education Week.
- 23–24 Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences.
- 25–27 Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices Closed.**

December

- 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.
- 5–14 High School Assessment Administration.
- 15 Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology.
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 19–22 High School Semester Examinations. Two-hour early dismissal for all students, teacher workdays. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**
- 22 End of second marking period (47 days).
- 25 Schools closed for students and teachers.**
- 26 Schools closed for students.** Workday for teachers
- 27 Beginning of third marking period.

Note: January 25 and 26 may be made school days for all students. See "Calendar Notes" on the reverse side regarding Inclement Weather closings.

*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

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February

- 2 Report Card distribution.
- 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.**
- 22 **Schools closed for students.** Parent/Teacher conferences.

March

- 1 Spring sports begin.
- 2 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 21–28 **Easter/Spring Break** — (see Inclement Weather note) **All Schools closed March 21–28 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices and Central Offices closed March 24, 25, 28.**

April

- 4–8 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- 6–15 MSA Science Assessment Administration.
- 6 Registration for Kindergarten begins.
- 11 End of third marking period (46 days). **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI.**
- 12 Beginning of fourth marking period.
- 19 Report Card distribution.
- 26 **Primary Elections. All Schools & Central Offices closed.**
- 27 Professional Development **Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.**

May

- 11 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 23 Beginning of High School Assessment (HSA) Administration period (5/23–6/10).
- 26, 27 Spring Conferences for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, & ECI. Schools closed for those students.
- 26 **Last day for graduating seniors.**
- 30 **Memorial Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.**

June

- 10 End of High School Assessment (HSA) Administration period (5/23–6/10).
- 13 Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology. **Last day for half-day Pre-K and ECI students.**
- 14–17 High School Examinations, textbook collection. **Two-hour early dismissal for all students.**
- 17 End of fourth marking period (47 days). **Last day for students.**
- 20 Last day for teachers.

July

- 4 **Independence Day — All Schools & Central Office closed.**
- 5 Summer School begins.

August

- 1–5 High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.

Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings

This calendar builds in five days 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 the Superintendent will have discussions with the Maryland State Department of Education about a waiver before making a decision on using specific days during Easter/Spring Break as make-up days:**

- 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. 14: Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 23: Yom Kippur
- Sept. 23: 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):

- Sept. 17: Constitution Day
- Oct. 12: Columbus Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans' Day
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Feb. 12: Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 22: Washington's Birthday
- April 29: Arbor Day
- May 30: Memorial Day

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