



HOWARD COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

2014-2015 CALENDAR

## Helpful HCPSS Phone Numbers

<b>Main Switchboard</b> .....	<b>410-313-6600</b>
Board of Education (elected body).....	410-313-7194
Superintendent .....	410-313-6677
<b>Administrative Directors</b>	
Elementary .....	410-313-6609 or 410-313-6611
Secondary .....	410-313-1543 or 410-313-7193
Advanced Placement/Fine Arts .....	410-313-6885
Athletics .....	410-313-6631
Career and Technology Education .....	410-313-6629
County Diagnostic Center.....	410-313-7046
Early Intervention Services.....	410-313-7017
Elementary Curricular Programs .....	410-313-1538
Equity Assurance .....	410-313-6654
ESOL .....	410-313-6841
Family Support & Resource Center.....	410-313-7161
Food and Nutrition Service.....	410-313-6738
Health Services.....	410-313-6812
Home and Hospital Services .....	410-313-6822
<b>Hotlines</b> (recorded messages):	
School Closing/Delay Alerts.....	410-313-6666
Status of School Fields/Facilities .....	410-313-6827
Human Resources.....	410-313-6693
International Student and Family Services.....	410-313-1293
Job Line.....	410-313-6643
Ombudsman .....	410-313-6850
Psychological Services.....	410-313-6773
Public Information.....	410-313-6682
Pupil Personnel.....	410-313-6646
Safety, Environment and Risk Management....	410-313-6824
School Counseling .....	410-313-6647
School Security.....	410-313-6840
Secondary Curricular Programs .....	410-313-6665
Special Education and Student Services .....	410-313-6659
Student Assessment .....	410-313-6802
Student, Family and Community Services.....	410-313-1524
Student Reassignment.....	410-313-6997
Title I .....	410-313-6762
Transportation.....	410-313-6732
Use of School Facilities .....	410-313-7477

The central office directory is available at [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org).

## School Emergency Closing Information Sources

In times of emergencies/school closings, information will be shared with the community through the following:

- The school system's website, [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)
- HCPSS News email and text message alerts - Register at [www.hcpssnews.com](http://www.hcpssnews.com)
- HCPSS Information Hotline 410-313-6666
- Twitter – @hcpss
- Facebook - Howard County Public School System

If Howard County public schools open one or two hours late, there is no half-day prekindergarten/RECC.

## Other Helpful Phone Numbers

Before and After Care in Schools	
Recreation and Parks.....	410-313-7275
Columbia Association.....	410-715-3164
Child Find .....	410-313-7046
Employees' Child Dev. Program.....	410-888-9040
GED (Howard Community College) .....	410-772-4919
Health Department, Howard Co.....	410-313-6300
Infant & Toddlers Program.....	410-313-7017
PTA Council .....	410-740-5153



## We're getting greener...

Even though the HCPSS School Calendar has been available in various electronic formats for the past few years, the paper version is still the most highly-requested publication distributed by the school system.

In an effort to save taxpayer dollars and reduce our carbon footprint, the number of pages in this year's calendar has been reduced by 50 percent. This change saved a significant amount of paper (over 400,000 pages), ink, and labor, at an estimated cost savings of \$12,000.

We will continue to revisit how we provide the calendar and other information to students, parents and staff, in the coming years. We appreciate your support of these changes.

# August 2014

July 2014							September 2014							
Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
27	28	29	30	31			28	29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			<b>New Teacher Orientation</b>  First day for HS Athletics	Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Hearing for Public Input & Pre-development Public Work Session on FY16 Capital Budget & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Program 7:30 p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>School Staff Returns</b>	CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>Countywide Professional Learning Day</b>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<b>School Begins for Students</b>		<b>First day of school for Pre-K/RECC</b>			

# September 2014

September Testing Dates	August 2014						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
2 ALT-MSA testing begins						1	2
13 ACT							
15 Accuplacer testing begins	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
22 Fall MAP testing begins	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Labor Day</b> Schools and offices closed (Board approved holiday)	2 PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Presentation of FY16 Capital Budget & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Program 7:30 pm	12 <b>Professional Learning Day</b> Schools closed for students	13
14	15	16 CAC New Member Orientation 7 pm Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Public Hearing, Work Session & Approval of FY16 Capital Budget & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Program 7:30 pm	24	25 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Schools and offices closed	26	27
28	29	30	<b>September holidays and other dates of interest</b> National Hispanic-American Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) 6 Onam (2 days) - Hindu 25 Navaratri - Hindu 26 Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) - Jewish			

# October 2014

October Testing Dates	November 2014						
6-16 HSA testing window	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
11 SAT							1
15 PSAT/NMSQT	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16 Accuplacer testing ends	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
22 Fall MAP testing ends	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25 ACT	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October holidays and other dates of interest</b> 3 Hajj - Islam 4 Dussehra (10 days) - Hindu 4 Id al-Adha - Islam ( <i>subject to moon</i> ) 4 Yom Kippur - Jewish* 9 Sukkot (7 days) - Jewish* 13 Columbus Day 16 Shemini Atzeret - Jewish* 17 Simchat Torah - Jewish* 20 Installation of Guru Granth Sahib - Sikh 20 Birth of the Báb - Bahá'í * 23 Diwali (Deepavali) - Hindu 31 Halloween * begins at sunset of previous day			<b>1</b>  Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) Conference	<b>2</b>  Interim progress reports issued  Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) Conference	<b>3</b>  Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) Conference	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Last day to withdraw from high school course without penalty	<b>14</b>  Board of Ed. meets with PTA Presidents & CAC 7:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>MSEA Convention/ Professional Work Day</b> Schools closed for students	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  End of marking period	

# November 2014

November Testing Dates 8 SAT	October 2014						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>November holidays and other dates of interest</b> <i>National American Indian Heritage Month</i> 1 All Saints Day - Christian 2 Daylight Saving Time ends 3 Ashura - Islam 6 Guru Nanak Devji's Gurburab - Sikh 11 Veterans Day 12 Baha'u'llah Birthday - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day) 19 Educational Support Personnel Day						1	
2	3 Professional Learning/Work Day Schools closed for students	4 General Election Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	5	6 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	7	8	
9	10 PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12 Report cards issued	13	14	15 BOE Coffee and Conversation 9:30-11 am	
16	17	18 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK			20 Board of Ed. fall luncheon with student leaders 12 noon Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	21	22
23	24 Schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC. ES/MS parent/teacher conferences and countywide HS Professional Learning.	25 Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No half-day Pre-K/RECC	26 Schools closed for students. Parent/teacher conferences.	27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		28 Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	29 Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)
30							

# December 2014

December Testing Dates	January 2015						
1-12 CogAT testing window	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
6 SAT					1	2	3
13 ACT	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15 Winter MAP testing begins	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Interim progress reports issued	13
14	15 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	16 CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	25 WINTER BREAK Christmas Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	26 Schools closed	27
28	29 Schools closed	30 WINTER BREAK Schools closed	31 Schools closed	December holidays and other dates of interest 8 Bodhi Day - Buddhist 17 Hanukkah (8 days) - Jewish (begins at sunset previous day) 26 Kwanzaa (7 days) - African American/Interfaith		



# January 2015

January Testing Dates	December 2014						
12 ACCESS testing begins	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
12-23 HSA testing window	1	2	3	4	5	6	
20-23 HS semester exams	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24 SAT	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30 Winter MAP testing ends	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January holidays and other dates of interest</b> 3 Milad-un-Nabi - Islam ( <i>subject to moon sightings</i> ) 5 Guru Gobind Singh's Gurburab - Sikh 6 Epiphany - Christian 7 Feast of Nativity - Orthodox Christian				<b>1</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	<b>2</b>  Schools closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Presentation of the Supt's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 7:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	<b>20</b>  CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>21</b>  HS High schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC	<b>22</b>  All schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC. ES and MS Professional Learning	<b>23</b>  All schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC. End of marking period	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



# February 2015

<b>February Testing Dates</b> 7 ACT 13 ACCESS testing ends 17-24 ACCESS testing makeup window	<b>March 2015</b>						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February holidays and other dates of interest</b> <i>National African-American History Month</i> 15 Nirvana Day - Buddhist 17 PTA Founders Day 19 Chinese/Korean/Vietnamese New Year 25 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins - Christian 26 Ayyám-i-Há (4 days) - Baha'i (begins at sunset previous day)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK</b> Report cards issued Board of Ed. Public Hearing on Supt's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 7 pm		Board of Ed. Public Work Session I on Supt's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 1-5 pm	<b>Countywide Professional Learning Day</b> Schools closed for students	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Board of Ed. Public Work Session II on Supt's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 7 pm		Board of Ed. Public Work Session III on Supt's Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 1-5 pm	Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No half-day Pre-K/RECC Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	Schools close 3 hours early for parent/teacher conferences. No half-day Pre-K/RECC	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>Presidents' Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Board of Ed. Public Work Session IV on Supt.'s Proposed FY16 Operating Budget 1-5 pm CAC Meeting 7:30 pm				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Adoption of FY16 Operating & Capital Budgets & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Program 9 am		Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm		

# March 2015

March Testing Dates	February 2015						
2 ALT-MSA testing ends	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
2-27 PARCC testing window	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14 SAT	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Interim progress reports issued PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	3 <b>KINDERGARTEN and NEW FIRST GRADER REGISTRATION</b>	4	5 Board of Ed. meets with PTA Presidents & CAC 7:30 pm	6	7	
8	9	10	11 Last day to withdraw from 2nd semester high school course without penalty	12 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	13	14	
15	16	17 CAC Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 BOE Coffee and Conversation 7:30-9 pm	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	27 Schools closed 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC. End of marking period	28	
29	30 Schools closed	31 Schools closed	<b>March holidays and other dates of interest</b> <i>National Women's History Month</i> 5 Purim - Jewish (begins at sunset previous day) 6 Holi - Hindu 8 Daylight Saving Time begins 21 Naw-Ruz (Baha'i and Iranian New Year) 29 Palm Sunday - Christian				

# April 2015

April Testing Dates	May 2015						
13-17 HSA senior admin.	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
13-30 MSA science window						1	2
18 ACT	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20-30 PARCC testing window	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20 Spring MAP testing begins	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April holidays and other dates of interest</b> 4 Passover (8 days) - Jewish* 5 Easter - Christian 5 Orthodox Palm Sunday - Orthodox Christian 12 Orthodox Easter - Orthodox Christian 14 Vaisakhi (lunar calendar) - Sikh 16 Yom HaShoah - Jewish* 21 Ridvan (12 days) - Baha'i* 22 Administrative Professionals Day 23 Take Your Child To Work Day *(begins sunset of previous day)			<b>1</b> _____ <b>SPRING BREAK</b> _____	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<b>Easter Monday</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)		Schools closed	Schools closed  Board of Ed meets with student leaders at noon Board of Ed Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	Report cards issued				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		CAC Meeting 7:30 pm		Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm		
26	27	28	29	30		


# May 2015

May Testing Dates	April 2015						
2 SAT	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
4-15 PARCC window				1	2	3	4
4-15 Anticipated AP test window	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
18-29 HSA testing window	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22 Spring MAP testing ends	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May holidays and other dates of interest</b> <i>National Asian-American Heritage Month</i> 2 Ascension Day - Christian 4 Visakha Puja (Buddha Day) - Buddhist 6 Health Services Day 10 Mother's Day 24 Shavuot - Jewish (begins sunset of previous day) 24 Pentecost - Christian					1	2
3	4	5	6 <b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b>		8	9
	PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm			Interim progress reports issued Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Public Hearing on FY16 Op. & Cap. Budgets & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Prog. 7:30 pm		BOE Coffee and Conversation 9:30-11 am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Board of Ed. Work Session on FY16 Op. & Cap. Budgets & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Prog. 7:30 pm (if necessary)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		CAC Meeting 7:30 pm		Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Adoption of FY16 Op. & Cap. Budgets & FY17-21 Capital Improvement Prog. 7:30 pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<b>Memorial Day</b> Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)					


# June 2015

<b>June Testing Dates</b> 1-5 HSA 16-19 HS exams	July 2015						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 PTA Council General Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 pm Presentation of Feasibility Study 7:30 pm	12	13	
14	15	16	17 Full Day of School	18 2 hrs. All schools close 2 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC	19 3 hrs. <b>Last Student Day</b> All schools close 3 hours early. No half-day Pre-K/RECC	20	
21	22	23	24	25 Board of Ed. Meeting 4 & 7:30 pm	26	27	
28	29	30	<b>June holidays and other dates of interest</b> 14 Race Unity Day - Baha'i 14 Flag Day 18 Ramadan (30 Days) - Islam ( <i>subject to moon sighting</i> ) 21 Father's Day			The professional workday previously scheduled for June 23 will now be a flexible professional workday.	

# July 2015

July Testing Dates 27-31 HSA	June 2015							August 2015						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6								1
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	28	29	30					23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July holidays and other dates of interest</b> 4 Independence Day 9 Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i ( <i>begins at sunset the previous day</i> ) 18 Eid al Fitr - Islam ( <i>begins at sunset the previous day</i> ) 24 Pioneer Day - Mormon			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Schools and offices closed for state-mandated Independence Day holiday

Board of Ed. Meeting  
4 & 7:30 pm

# August 2015

<b>August Testing Dates</b> 3-7 HSA	September 2015						
	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					





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