

2007

Montgomery County Public Schools

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2008



School Calendar 2007-2008

Aug 8-14	Induction days for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 15-21	Workday/ Meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 22	Schools Open
Sept 3	Schools Closed - Labor Day
Sept 12	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Sept 28	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Oct 4	End of 6-12 grading period
Oct 11	Report Cards distributed
Oct 15-19	Parent/Teacher conference week (schools in session)
Oct 18	Early dismissal - *all students
Oct 25	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Nov 6	Schools closed - centralized staff development
Nov 14	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Nov 16	End of 6-12 grading period
Nov 21-23	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Nov 28	Report cards distributed
Dec 4	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Dec 19	Early dismissal - *all students and staff
Dec 20- Jan 1	Schools Closed - Winter Break
Jan 16	End of 6-12 grading period - End of Semester
Jan 17-18	Schools Closed - One day site-based staff development and one day teacher workday
Jan 21	Schools Closed - Martin Luther King Day
Jan 24	Report Cards distributed
Feb 6	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Feb 18	Schools Closed -Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Feb 26	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Mar 5	End of 6-12 grading period
Mar 12	Report cards distributed
Mar 19	Early dismissal - *all students and instructional staff
Mar 20-24	Schools closed - Spring Break
Mar 31- Apr 4	Parent/Teacher conference week (schools in session)
Apr 3	Early dismissal - *all students
Apr 8	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Apr 23	End of 6-12 grading period
Apr 25	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
Apr 30	Report Cards distributed
May 9	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
May 22	Collaborative Planning/Early dismissal K-5
May 26	Schools Closed - Memorial Day
Jun 6	Early dismissal - *all students
Jun 7	Teacher end of school work day

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- E - End of K-5 grading Period
- Induction workdays for new licensed staff
- △ Work / Staff dev. days non-school days for students
- ☆ Schools open
- Schools closed holidays & breaks
- Collaborative Planning Early dismissal K-5 students (2 1/2 hrs early)
- / End of 6-12 grading period
- ◇ Early dismissal (2 1/2 hrs early)
- () Parent/Teacher Conference week (Schools in session)

2007—2008 School Calendar Definitions and Explanations

Pre-Labor Day Opening—Montgomery County Schools open before Labor Day. This will provide for adequate inclement weather make-up days without needing to take away weekends or vacations and without increasing the length of the school day. The General Assembly allows school divisions to begin before Labor Day if they have missed an average of 8 days or more in at least 5 years out of the prior 10 years. Montgomery County qualified for this waiver because it has missed an average of 10 days out of 5 of the past 10 years. The pre-Labor Day opening will allow us to plan appropriately for the school year.

Student Attendance Days—The General Assembly mandates that the school year must include a minimum of 180 days per year. The requested length of a school day is at least 5 hours and 30 minutes of instruction or 990 hours of instruction for the school year.

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan—This calendar includes 6 additional days to be used as needed to make up days missed because of inclement weather or other emergencies. The plan for adjusting the school calendar due to inclement weather is printed below. The school year may be extended if deemed necessary by the School Board.

Banked Time—Instruction in excess of the minimum 5 hour 30 minute day is considered banked time. In Montgomery County, schools accumulate 30 minutes per day, that is, 5,400 minutes per year. Time associated with scheduled early dismissals, as well as unscheduled early dismissals and delayed openings due to inclement weather, is subtracted from banked time.

The General Assembly allows banked time to be used to make up time lost due to extenuating circumstances such as inclement weather or other emergencies. The Montgomery County School Board believes that learning is enhanced by our slightly longer than required school day and that banked time should only be used as a last resort in making up instructional time.

Teacher Workdays—Days off for students are reserved for teachers in schools for grading exams, preparing grades, developing lesson plans, and for staff development activities.

Parent/Teacher Conference Days—Two weeks have been scheduled (October 15—19 and March 31—April 4) to provide a flexible time frame for teachers to meet in school with parents to discuss students' progress. Schools will remain in session during the conference weeks. Schools will have an early release for all students on October 18 and April 3 to help accommodate these conferences. Conference times will be arranged by individual schools.

Collaborative Planning/Early Dismissal Days for K-5 Students—Early dismissal days for K-5 students are scheduled to provide collaborative planning time for elementary teachers.

Paid Holidays for 12-Month Employees—Paid holidays, per current policy, include Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (September 3), Thanksgiving (November 22-23), Winter Break (December 21, 24, 25 & 31 and January 1), Martin Luther King Day (January 21), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 18), Spring Break (March 21-24), and Memorial Day (May 26).

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan		
If 0 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Thursday, May 29, 2008
If 1 day missed,	the last day of school will be on	Friday, May 30, 2008
If 2 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Monday, June 2, 2008
If 3 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Tuesday, June 3, 2008
If 4 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Wednesday, June 4, 2008
If 5 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Thursday, June 5, 2008
If 6 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	Friday, June 6, 2008
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time will be used as provided by Sec. 22.1-98 of the Code of Virginia.		