

# 2008



## Montgomery County Public Schools

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### School Calendar 2008-2009

Aug 6-12	Induction days for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 13-19	Workdays/Meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 20	School Opens
Sept 1	Schools Closed - Labor Day
Sept 12	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Sept 22-26	Parent/Teacher conference week K-5 (schools in session)
Sept 23	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Oct 2	First grading period ends grades 6 -12
Oct 13-17	Parent/Teacher conference week grades 6-12 (schools in session)
Oct 16	Early dismissal - <b>all students</b>
Oct 23	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning; First grading period ends grades K-5
Nov 4	Schools Closed - Centralized staff development
Nov 6	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Nov 17	End of grading period grades 6-12
Nov 26-28	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Dec 22-Jan 2	Schools Closed - Winter Break
Jan 16	Early dismissal K-5 students/ Collaborative Planning/ End of grading period & End of Semester - K-5 and grades 6-12
Jan 19	Schools closed - Martin Luther King Day
Jan 20, 21	Schools closed - One day site-based staff development and one day teacher workday
Feb 10	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Feb 16	Schools Closed - Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Feb 26	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
Mar 6	End of grading period grades 6-12
Mar 16-20	Parent/Teacher conference week (schools in session)
Mar 26	Early dismissal - <b>all students</b> /Collaborative Planning/ End of grading period grades K-5
Apr 6-13	Schools Closed - Spring Break
Apr 28	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning/ End of grading period grades 6-12
May 22	Early dismissal K-5 students/Collaborative Planning
May 25	Schools Closed - Memorial Day
Jun 11	Early dismissal - <b>all students</b> /End of grading period K-5 and 6-12 - Last school day
Jun 12	Teacher end of school work day

NOTE: Report cards are distributed 5 school days after the end of the grading period.

- 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 grading period 6-12
- Early dismissal (2 1/2 hrs early)
- Parent/Teacher conference week (Schools in session)

# 2009

July '08

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## 2008—2009 School Calendar Definitions and Explanations of Reasons for this Schedule

**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. This 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 (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**—Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for September 22-26 and March 16-20. Secondary Parent Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for October 13 - 17 and March 16 - 20. Schools will remain in session during the Parent/Teacher conference days. Schools will have an early release for all students on October 16 to help accommodate the conference schedules. 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 1), Thanksgiving (November 27-28), Winter Break (December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1), Martin Luther King Day (January 19), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 16), Spring Break (April 10 & 13), and Memorial Day (May 25).

<b>Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan</b>		
If 0 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2009</b>
If 1 day missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Thursday, June 4, 2009</b>
If 2 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Friday, June 5, 2009</b>
If 3 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Monday, June 8, 2009</b>
If 4 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Tuesday, June 9, 2009</b>
If 5 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Wednesday, June 10, 2009</b>
If 6 days missed,	the last day of school will be on	<b>Thursday, June 11, 2009</b>
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time will be used as provided by Sec. 22.1-98 of the Code of Virginia		