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2015

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Aug 4-5	Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 6-11	Workdays/meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 12	Schools open
Aug 27	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 1	Schools closed - Labor Day
Sep 23	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Oct 13-17	Parent/Teacher conference week
Oct 14	End of grading period Grades K-12
Oct 16	DISTRICT WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Oct 23	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Nov 4	Work/Staff dev. day - Non-school day for students
Nov 17	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Nov 26-28	Schools closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Dec 19	End of grading period Grades K-12/End of semester Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Dec 22-Jan 2	Schools closed - Winter Break
Jan 5-6	Work/Staff dev. day - Non-school days for students
Jan 19	Schools closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 6	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Feb 16	Schools closed - Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Feb 25	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Mar 10	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Mar 12	End of grading period Grades K-12
Mar 16-20	Parent/Teacher conference week
Mar 19	Work/Staff dev. day-Non-school day- Parent Conference Day
Apr 2	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Apr 3-6	Schools closed - Spring Break
Apr 22	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
May 25	Schools closed - Memorial Day
May 29	End of grading period Grades K -12 - LAST SCHOOL DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Jun 1-2	Work/Staff development days

Calendar subject to change according to the needs of the Division.

- Schools closed - Holidays/Breaks
- Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
- Work/Staff dev. day/non-school day for students
- ★ Schools open
- Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Gr. K-5 (2 1/2 hrs early)
- Parent/Teacher conference week
- Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early

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— End of grading period K-12. Report cards are distributed 5 school days after the end of the grading period.

2014 - 2015 School Calendar Definitions and Explanations

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Pre-Labor Day Opening - Montgomery County Schools start before Labor Day in SY 2014-2015. This provides 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 or more days in at least 5 of the last 10 years. Montgomery County has traditionally qualified for this pre-Labor Day start.

Student Attendance Days - The General Assembly mandates that the school year must include a minimum of 180 school 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 missed school days due to 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) of banked time. 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 Conferences - Elementary and Secondary Parent/Teacher Conference weeks have been scheduled for [October 16, 2014](#) and [March 19, 2015](#). Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled to provide a flexible time frame for teachers to meet in schools with parents to discuss student progress. Schools will remain in session during the conference weeks. Schools will have an early dismissal for all students on October 16, 2014, and a District Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Schools Closed - Workday for staff) on March 19, 2015, 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 Employees - Paid holidays, per current policy, include Independence Day Observed (July 4), Labor Day (September 1), Thanksgiving (November 27-28), Winter Break (December 24, 25, 26, & 31), New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 19), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 16), Spring Break (April 3 & 6), and Memorial Day (May 25). In addition, the School Board approved November 26, 2014, as a non-workday for all 12 month employees.

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan

If 0 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Wednesday, May 20, 2015](#).

If 1 day is missed the last day of school will be on [Thursday, May 21, 2015](#).

If 2 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Friday, May 22, 2015](#).

If 3 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Tuesday, May 26, 2015](#).

If 4 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Wednesday, May 27, 2015](#).

If 5 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Thursday, May 28, 2015](#).

If 6 days are missed the last day of school will be on [Friday, May 29, 2015](#).

If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.