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Montgomery County Public Schools

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Aug 1	Induction workday for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 2	Induction workday for licensed staff new to MCPS Flex Day Option 1 (200 day teachers)
Aug 3,4,7,8	Workdays/meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 9	Schools Open
Aug 30	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-8
Sep 4	Schools closed - Labor Day
Sep 19	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Oct 11	End of grading period Grades K-12 Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Oct 23-27	Parent/Teacher conference week
Oct 26	DIVISION WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Work/Staff development day - Non-school day for students
Nov 7	Work/Staff development day - Non-school day for students
Nov 22-24	Schools closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 11	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-8
Dec 20	End of grading period Grades K-12/End of semester Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Dec 21-Jan 3	Schools closed - Winter Break
Jan 4-5	Work/Staff dev. days - Non-school days for students
Jan 15	Schools closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 30	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-8
Feb 7	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Feb 19	Schools closed - Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Mar 6	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Mar 19-23	Parent/Teacher conference week
Mar 21	End of grading period Grades K-12
Mar 22	DIVISION WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Mar 29	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Mar 30 - Apr 2	Schools closed - Spring Break
May 9	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-8
May 25	End of grading period Grades K -12 - LAST SCHOOL DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
May 28	Schools closed - Memorial Day
May 29	Work/Staff development day
May 30	Flex Day Option 2 (200 day teachers)

- Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
- △ Work/Staff development day/non-school day for students
- ☆ Schools open
- ⊛ Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Gr. K-8 (2 1/2 hrs early)
- ⊔ Parent/Teacher conference week
- ◇ Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
- ⬠ Teacher Flex Day * 200 day teachers will select either Aug. 2nd or May 30th to work
- Schools closed - Holidays/Breaks

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

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

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Definitions and Explanations
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Pre-Labor Day Opening - Montgomery County Schools start before Labor Day in SY 2017-2018. 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.

Flex Day- 200 day teachers will choose one of two flex days to work. Flex days are scheduled for August 2, 2017 and May 30, 2018.

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 23, 2017**, and **March 19, 2018**. 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. For the Division Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day on Thursday, October 26, 2017, schools will be closed, and the day will be a workday for staff. For the Division Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day on Thursday, March 22, 2018, all students will be released 2.5 hours early. Conference times will be arranged by individual schools.

Collaborative Planning/Early Dismissal Days for K-5 Students - Early dismissal days for K-8 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 4), Thanksgiving (November 23-24), Winter Break (December 21, 22, 25, & 26), New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 19), Spring Break (March 30 and April 2), and Memorial Day (May 28). In addition, the School Board approved November 22, 2017, 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 Thursday, May 17, 2018
If 1 day is missed the last day of school will be on Friday, May 18, 2018.
If 2 days are missed the last day of school will be on Monday, May 21, 2018.
If 3 days are missed the last day of school will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.
If 4 days are missed the last day of school will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.
If 5 days are missed the last day of school will be on Thursday, May 24, 2018.
If 6 days are missed the last day of school will be on Friday, May 25, 2018.
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.