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REVISED 12 MONTH CALENDAR

DATE	HOLIDAY/BREAK
Jul 3	Independence Day
Sep 7	Labor Day
Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-25 & 31	Winter Break
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 15	Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Mar 25 & 28	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day

- Schools closed - Paid Holiday/Break for 12 month employees
- Induction workdays for new licensed staff
- Work/Staff development day/non-school day for students
- Schools open
- Collaborative planning - Early dismissal Grades K-5 (2 1/2 hours early)
- Parent/Teacher conference week (Schools in session)
- Early dismissal - All students 2 1/2 hrs early
- Schools closed - Workday for 12 month employees

*The School Board approved November 25, 2015, as a non-workday for all 12 Month Employees.

2016

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

**2015 - 2016 School Calendar
Definitions and Explanations
School Board Approved REVISED VERSION March 3, 2015.**

Pre-Labor Day Opening - Montgomery County Schools start before Labor Day in SY 2015-2016. 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 19, 2015**, and **March 14, 2016**. 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 District Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day on Thursday, October 22, 2015, schools will have an early dismissal for all students. For the District Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day on Thursday, March 17, 2016, schools will be closed and the day will be a workday for staff. 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 3), Labor Day (September 7), Thanksgiving (November 26-27), Winter Break (December 23, 24, 25, & 31), New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 18), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 15), Spring Break (March 25 & 28), and Memorial Day (May 30). In addition, the School Board approved November 25, 2015, 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 19, 2016.
If 1 day is missed the last day of school will be on Friday, May 20, 2016.
If 2 days are missed the last day of school will be on Monday, May 23, 2016.
If 3 days are missed the last day of school will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.
If 4 days are missed the last day of school will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.
If 5 days are missed the last day of school will be on Thursday, May 26, 2016.
If 6 days are missed the last day of school will be on Friday, May 27, 2016.
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.