

WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Year 2016-2017
School Begins for
Students:
August 17, 2016

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-2017

JULY 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August	
Teachers: 15	Students: 11
8-10	New Teacher Induction Days
11	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
12	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
15	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
16	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
17	School Begins for Students

JANUARY 2017						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2016						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September	
Teachers: 21	Students: 21
5	Labor Day (Schools & Center for Education Services (CES) Closed)

FEBRUARY 2017						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

SEPTEMBER 2016						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October	
Teachers: 20	Students: 20
20	End of First Marking Period (46 Days)
	2½ Hour Early Dismissal – No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
	Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading
21	Association Day (Schools & CES Closed)

MARCH 2017						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

OCTOBER 2016						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November	
Teachers: 19	Students: 17
7	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary*: Conferences
	Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
8	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary* & Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development
23	Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
24-25	Thanksgiving Break (Schools & CES Closed)

APRIL 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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NOVEMBER 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December	
Teachers: 16	Students: 16
23	Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)
26-30	Winter Break (Schools & CES Closed)

MAY 2017						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

DECEMBER 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January	
Teachers: 20	Students: 18
2	New Year's Holiday (Schools & CES Closed)
3	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Supervisor-led Professional Development
	Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
13	End of Second Marking Period (47 Days)
16	Martin Luther King's Birthday (Schools & CES Closed)
17	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development

JUNE 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

February	
Teachers: 19	Students: 19
20	Presidents' Day (Schools & CES Closed)
	Identified non-work, non-paid day for ESP Employees

March	
Teachers: 23	Students: 22
23	End of Third Marking Period (46 Days)
24	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students)
	Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development

April	
Teachers: 14	Students: 14
10-12	Spring Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
13-14	Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)
17	Spring Break (Schools & CES Closed)

May	
Teachers: 22	Students: 22
29	Memorial Day (Schools & CES Closed)
31	Evening Graduations

June	
Teachers: 7	Students: 6
1-2	Evening Graduations
8	(Tentative) Last Day for Students
	2½ Hour Early Dismissal – No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
	Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading
	End of Fourth Marking Period (47 Days)
9	Professional Learning Day for Teachers
	Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development
	Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development

If there are no inclement weather days or emergency closings, the last day for students is May 31.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY Marking Periods		
MP	ENDS	DAYS
1	October 20	46
2	January 13	47
3	March 23	46
4	June 8	47

TOTAL – Teachers: (196 Total) ** TOTAL – Students: (186 Total) **

SYMBOLS TO BE USED IN CALENDAR PREPARATION

- First/Tent. Last Day of School
- Holiday/Special Event Closing
- Schools/CES Closed
Identified non-work, non-paid day for ESP Employees
- Schools Closed/CES Open
- Last Day of Marking Period
- Professional Day
- 2½ Hour Early Dismissal
- New Teacher Induction Day

*The ½ day for grading and conferences: As determined by elementary school administration, with input from stakeholders, these responsibilities may be planned/reconfigured to meet the needs of parents, students, and staff.

**Total Days in the Calendar for Students and Staff:
The calendar was purposely designed to include 186 and 196 days in the school year for students and staff in order to include 6 days for inclement weather. The final number of days for students and teaching staff will not exceed 180 or 190, respectively.

The Board of Education reserves the right to alter the calendar if more than 6 days are used for inclement weather and/or emergency closings. Additional make-up days could include, but not be limited to, February 20, April 17, April 10, April 11, and April 12.

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August 17	School Begins for Students
September 5	Labor Day (Schools and Center for Education Services (CES) Closed)
October 20	2½ Hour Early Dismissal; No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading <i>End of First Marking Period</i>
October 21	Association Day (Schools and CES Closed)
November 7	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students) Elementary: Conferences Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
November 8	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students) Elementary & Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development
November 23	Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Break (Schools and CES Closed)
December 23	Winter Break (Schools and CES Closed)
December 26-30	Winter Break (Schools and CES Closed)
January 2	New Year's Holiday (Schools and CES Closed)
January 3	Professional Learning Day for Teachers Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Supervisor-led Professional Development Secondary: Supervisor-led Professional Development
January 13	<i>End of Second Marking Period</i>
January 16	Martin Luther King's Birthday (Schools and CES Closed)
January 17	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students) Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development
February 20	Presidents' Day (Schools and CES Closed)— <i>Identified non-work, non-paid day for ESP Employees</i>
March 23	<i>End of Third Marking Period</i>
March 24	Professional Learning Day for Teachers (No Students) Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development
April 10-12	Spring Break (Schools Closed/CES Open)
April 13-14	Spring Break (Schools and CES Closed)
April 17	Spring Break (Schools and CES Closed)
May 29	Memorial Day (Schools and CES Closed)
May 31	Evening Graduations
June 1-2	Evening Graduations
June 8	(Tentative) Last Day for Students—2½ Hour Early Dismissal; No Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Elementary & Secondary: ½ Day for Grading <i>End of Fourth Marking Period</i>
June 9	Professional Learning Day for Teachers Elementary: ½ Day for Planning; ½ Day for Principal-led Professional Development Secondary: Principal-led Professional Development

Attendance in school is vital if students are to learn. We strongly encourage parents to plan vacations during scheduled breaks or long weekends.

Testing Dates:

*(Dates might change based on information from the Maryland State Department of Education. We will notify students as soon as possible.)

PSAT – October 19, 2016

SAT – October 1, November 5, December 3, 2016; January 21, March 11, May 6, June 3, 2017

ACT – September 10, October 22, December 10, 2016; February 11, April 8, June 10, 2017

AP Exams – May 1-12, 2017

***High School Assessments (HSA) – Paper administration, unless otherwise noted**

Jan. 9, 2017 – Government	May 22, 2017 - Government
Jan. 10, 2017 – Biology	May 23, 2017 - Biology
Jan. 17, 2017 – Government Make-Up	May 30, 2017 – Government Make-Up
Jan. 18, 2017 – Biology Make-Up	May 31, 2017 – Biology Make-Up
Jan. 9-20, 2017 – Online Window	May 22-June 9, 2017 – Online Window (No testing May 29)

***Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)**

March 13-31, 2017 – Online Window for Science grades 5 and 8

March 14-15, 2017 – Science (Paper) grades 5 and 8

***Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Assessments (PARCC)**

Operational Fall: Dec. 5, 2016 – January 27, 2017 (Online Window)

Operational Spring: April 3 – May 22, 2017 (Online Window)

Washington County Public Schools respects the values of all religious observances for students and families in Washington County. However, because the school system is unable to accommodate system-wide closures for every observance, all WCPS staff members are expected to avoid scheduling major testing, special school events, and evening activities during these days.