

Academic Calendars
2017-2018 School Year



Every Student Succeeds

Guiding Questions

- How was input gathered for the 2017-2018 academic calendar?
- What were the results of the feedback from the stakeholders?
- What are the key features of the 2017-2018 academic calendar?

Establishing the Committee

- Past Committee members invited to participate.
- New members invited via ACPS insider.
- Parent representatives requested via communication with PTA council.
- Teacher Advisory Council members invited to participate.

Committee Members

- Christina Bohringer, Teacher at Tucker
- Erin Davidson, Teacher at Polk
- Jasmine Dawson, Teacher at Mount Vernon
- Mary Downs, Speech Language Pathologist at GW
- Elena Greer, Teacher at TCW-Minnie
- Susan Horita, Teacher at Lyles-Crouch
- Elizabeth Jones, Parent at Macarthur/GW
- Mary Ellen McCormick, Teacher at TCW-Main
- Debra Lane, Director of Professional Learning
- Danielle Routhouska, Parent and Teacher at Patrick Henry
- Pam Townsend, Parent at Maury
- Michael Humphreys, Instructional Specialist for Health & PE
- Lisa Piehota, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction
- Gerald Mann, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction
- Jim Loomis, Director of Employment
- Joseph Makolandra, Chief HR Officer

Community & Staff Input

- Two meetings of Calendar Committee.
- 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Feedback Form created and posted on ACPS website.
- Feedback was requested through ACPS Insider.
- 495 responses were received, which is a 15% increase from last year.

Community & Staff Input

Respondents were asked to rate the following as Very Important, Important or Not Important.

- Observing Columbus Day holiday (October 9)
- Observing Veteran's Day holiday (November 10)
- Observing a full day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 22)
- End the school year earlier in June
- Adding or recognizing religious holidays in calendar

*Questions were asked related to the scheduling of parent conferences.

Survey Results

- 495 total responses, including 139 Parents and 311 Employees.
- Comments submitted by 197 respondents.
- Mixed results on importance of different holidays – Observing Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a priority.
- No strong sentiment expressed for adding or recognizing religious holidays in calendar.

Key Features of Calendars

- 183 instructional days for students; 196 contract days for teachers
- First day for students is September 5 for traditional and August 3 for modified calendar; June 20 is last day for students on both calendars
- First 3 snow days will not be made up; 3 additional days, if needed identified in calendar
- Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a holiday
- Winter Break is eight days
- Early release for high school added on October 11 for SAT administration
- Snow make up days are not scheduled on professional development days
- Adding a professional development day
- Designated division-wide and school-based professional development days

Questions?

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