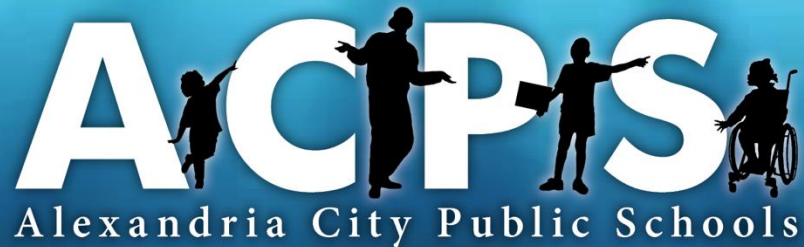


# Academic Calendars 2016-2017 School Year



*Every Student Succeeds*

# Establishing the Committee

- Past Committee members were invited to participate
- Parent representatives requested via communication with PTA council
- Teacher Advisory Council members were 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
- Anna Harvin, Teacher at Mount Vernon
- Susan Horita, Teacher at Lyles-Crouch
- Elizabeth Jones, Parent at Macarthur
- Mary Ellen McCormick, Teacher at TCW-Main
- Danielle Routhouska, Parent at Polk
- 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
- David Rose, Director of Transportation
- Jim Loomis, Director of Employment
- Kevin North, Chief Human Resources Officer

# Community & Staff Input

- 2016-2017 Academic Calendar Feedback Form created and posted on ACPS website
- Feedback was requested via Twitter and all-ACPS email
- 428 responses were received (108 more than last year)

# Community & Staff Input

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

- Observing a full day off the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 23)
- Observing Columbus Day holiday (Oct. 10)
- Observing Veterans Day holiday (Nov. 11)
- Observing Inauguration Day as a holiday (Jan. 20)
- End the school year earlier in June
- Minimizing early release days
- Designating Monday before Election Day (Nov 7) as student holiday

Also, a question was posed to elementary parents, teachers and administrators about the scheduling of conferences.

# Survey Results

- Responses from 99 Parents and 271 Employees
- Comments submitted by 150 respondents
- Mixed results on importance of different holidays – Observing Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a priority
- Strong support for minimizing early release days and ending school year earlier in June

# Key Features of Calendars

- 183 Instructional Days
- First day for Students is September 6 for traditional and August 4 for modified calendar; June 22 is last day for students on both calendars.
- The two teacher work days at the start of the school year will not be flex days but will be determined by the Principal with input from school staff to determine what days best meet individual school needs.
- The Teacher Work Day on November 8 (Traditional) and October 10 (Modified) will be teacher directed and the work can be completed at home or at school.
- Veterans Day is a holiday.
- Elementary conference days have been reduced from 3 to 2 days to increase instructional continuity.
- The Wednesday before Thanksgiving remains a holiday.
- The length of Winter Break returns to less than 2 weeks (8 days).