

2012

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Montgomery County Public Schools

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2013

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Aug 6-7	Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 8-13	Workdays/meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 14	Schools open
Aug 30	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 3	Schools closed - Labor Day
Sep 12	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 25	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 25	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Oct 1-5	Parent/Teacher conference week
Oct 4	DISTRICT WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Oct 15	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Oct 16	End of grading period Grades K-5
Oct 26	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Nov 6	Work/Staff dev. day - Non-school day for students
Nov 7	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Nov 8	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Nov 21-23	Schools closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 11	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Dec 21	End of grading period K-5 & 6-12/End of semester Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Dec 24-Jan 4	Schools closed - Winter Break
Jan 7-8	Work/Staff dev. days - Non-school days for students
Jan 21	Schools closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb 6	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Feb 18	Schools closed - Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Feb 22	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Mar 1	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Mar 11-15	Parent/Teacher conference week
Mar 14	DISTRICT WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Work/Staff dev. day - Non-school day for students
Mar 15	End of grading period Grades K-5
Mar 28-Apr 1	Schools closed - Spring Break
Apr 10	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Apr 10	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Apr 30	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
May 27	Schools closed - Memorial Day
Jun 3	End of grading period K-5 & 6-12 - LAST SCHOOL DAY Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Jun 4-5	Work/Staff development days

- Schools closed - Holidays/Breaks
- Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
- Work/Staff dev. day/non-school day for students
- Schools open
- Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Gr. K-5 (2 1/2 hrs early)
- Parent/Teacher conference week
- Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early

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Report cards are distributed 5 school days after the end of the grading period.

End of grading period 6-12
 End of grading period K-5

**2012-2013 School Calendar
Definitions and Explanations
School Board Approved: March 20, 2012**

Pre-Labor Day Opening - Montgomery County schools start before Labor Day. This start date provides for adequate inclement weather make-up days without needing to adjust 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 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 1-5** and **March 11-15**. Parent/Teacher conference weeks 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. District wide Parent/Teacher conference days will be held on October 4, 2012, (Early Dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hours early) and on March 14, 2013, (Work/Staff development day - Non-school day for students). 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 4), Labor Day (September 3), Thanksgiving (November 22-23), Winter Break (December 24, 25, 26 & 31), New Year's Day (January 1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 21), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 18), Spring Break (March 29 & April 1), and Memorial Day (May 27).

**The School Board approved November 21, 2012 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	May 23rd
If 1 day is missed the last day of school will be on	May 24th
If 2 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 28th
If 3 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 29th
If 4 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 30th
If 5 days are missed the last day of school will be on	May 31st
If 6 days are missed the last day of school will be on	June 3rd
If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.	