

Title 13A
State Board of Education
Subtitle 02: Local School Administration
Chapter 01: Local Boards of Education
Education Article 7-103
Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Length of the School Year

A. Schools shall be open a minimum of 180 days per year. In implementing Education Article, §7-103, Annotated Code of Maryland, a waiver of the 180-day requirement will be granted by the State Board of Education to local school systems only when:

- (1) They demonstrate that sufficient effort has been made through calendar planning and modification; and
- (2) Natural or civil disasters or severe weather conditions are sufficiently significant to warrant waiver.

B. The closing of individual schools does not require a waiver by the State Board of Education but may be granted by permission of the State Superintendent of Schools upon request of the local superintendent of schools.

C. Senate Bill 610- Virtual Education Days for A Severe Weather Event

A local superintendent may decide to provide a day of virtual education for public school students in the county only if (1) the local school system has used all the days incorporated into its calendar for school closures for severe weather conditions; (2) the local board of education has authorized the local superintendent to provide virtual education days to students; (3) and the local superintendent determines the severe weather conditions are likely to prevent normal attendance at the public school.

The district has built in three days for school closures for severe weather conditions at the end of the school year. Please refer to the month of June 2027.

A virtual education day must consist of not less than four hours of synchronous instruction and asynchronous instruction designed to maximize the advantages of online access.

** Legal holidays include: Thanksgiving Day and the day after; Christmas Eve through January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday; Presidents' Day; Good Friday and Easter Monday; Memorial Day; Juneteenth; and Primary and General Election Days.*

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 1st Day for Teachers AM - School Based Staff Development PM - Teacher Work Time	18 AM - PowerSchool Training & School Based Staff Dev. PM - Teacher Work Time	19 AM - PowerSchool Training & School Based Staff Dev. PM - Teacher Work Time	20 AM - School Based Staff Dev. PM - Collaborative Planning	21 Supervisor Systemwide Professional Development	22
23	24 Teacher Work Time	25 SCHOOLS OPEN 3-Hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time	26	27	28	29
30	31 Pre-K-K Begins A-L					S= 5 T= 11 S= 5/180 T= 11/190

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pre-K-K Begins M-Z	2 All Pre-K-K Students Start School	3	4	5
6	7 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yom Kippur	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			S= 21 T= 21 S= 26/180 T= 32/190

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 SCHOOLS CLOSED Parent Conference Day ELEM. 8-9:00 Teacher Plan; 9-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences SEC. 10-11:00 Teacher Plan; 11-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 Tri-State College Night Allegany College 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	14 PSAT Testing	15 Reality Fair	16 3-Hr Early Dismissal Principal Staff Development MSEA Convention	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 End of 1 st Marking Period (45 days)	30 3-Hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time	31 Halloween S= 21 T= 22 S= 47/180 T= 54/190

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 SCHOOLS CLOSED Supervisor Staff Development	3 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED General Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Report Cards Released	14
15	16 Focus on the Future (Set-Up)	17 Focus on the Future (BR & MS)	18 Focus on the Future (WA & WM)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 3-Hr Early Dismissal	26 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	27 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	28
29	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED					S= 16 T= 17 S= 63/180 T= 71/190

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SCHOOLS REOPEN	2	3	4 Hanukkah	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 3-Hr Early Dismissal	23 SCHOOLS CLOSED	24 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Christmas	26 Kwanzaa
27	28 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	29 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	30 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	31 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Eve		S= 16 T= 16 S= 79/180 T= 87/190

January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED New Year's Day	2
3	4 SCHOOLS REOPEN	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 3-Hr Early Dismissal Principal Staff Development	13	14	15	16
17	18 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED MLK Jr Day	19	20	21	22 3-Hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time End of 2 nd Marking Period - End of 1 st Semester (45 days)	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30 S= 19 T= 19 S= 98/180 T= 106/190

February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 Report Card Released	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 3-Hr Early Dismissal Principal Staff Development Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Presidents' Day Washington's Birthday	16	17	18	19	20
21/28	22 SCHOOLS CLOSED Parent Conference Day ELEM. 10-12 Teacher Plan; 12:00-2:00 & 3:00-5:30 Parent Conferences SEC. 8-10 Teacher Plan; 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Parent Conferences	23	24	25	26	27 S= 18 T= 19 S= 116/180 T=125/190

March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Begins	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 3-Hr Early Dismissal Principal Staff Development	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21 Palm Sunday	22	23	24 SCHOOLS CLOSED	25 SCHOOLS CLOSED	26 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Good Friday	27
28 Easter	29 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED	30 SCHOOLS REOPEN	31			S= 19 T= 19 S= 135/180 T= 144/190

April 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade Registration			1	2 3-Hr Early Dismissal Teacher Work Time End of 3 rd Marking Period – (45 days)	3
4	5	6	7 Reality Fair	8	9	10
11	12	13 3-Hr Early Dismissal Principal Staff Development	14	15	16 Report Cards Released	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 Envirothon	29	30	S= 22 T= 22 S= 157/180 T= 166/190

May 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 AP Testing May 3-7	3	4	5 School Nurse's Day	6	7	8
9 AP Testing May 10-14 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 CCTE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY	14 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17 MOUNTAIN RIDGE GRADUATION	18 ALLEGANY GRADUATION	19 FORT HILL GRADUATION	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day					S= 20 T= 20 S= 177/180 T= 186/190

June 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-Hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time Close of 4 th MP (45 days) Without built-in days	4 TEACHERS' LAST DAY Principal Meeting/ Teacher Work Time Without built-in days Built in inclement weather day (1)	5
6	7 Built in inclement weather day (2)	8 STUDENTS' LAST DAY 3-Hr Early Dismissal PM-Teacher Work Time Built in inclement weather day (3) With built-in days	9 TEACHERS' LAST DAY Principal Meeting/ Teacher Work Time With built-in days	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21	22	23 Reports Cards Released	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			S= 6 T= 7 S=183/180 T=193/190

* End of Year Student Make-up Days. Refer to COMAR 7-103 C (1) (b) (per waiver eligibility requirement).