

Calendar Update

School Board Meeting March 2, 2023



2025 STRATEGIC PLAN: EQUITY FOR ALL



Essential Questions

- What is the rationale for the recommended changes to the 2023-24 academic calendar?
- What operational standards will best support the Calendar Committee moving forward in proposing options for the 2024-25 and future ACPS academic calendars?

ACPS Academic Calendar: 2023-24

Correct Errors

- Traditional Calendar
 - August 31 was omitted
 - October 12 was mistakenly identified as Diwali
 - Diwali is Sunday, November 12
- Modified Calendar
 - July 25 was correctly labeled as the first day of school, but mis-colored as a Teacher Work Day

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ACPS Academic Calendar: 2023-24

Adjust Two Professional Development Days

- Exchange one Division day for a School-based day to support pre-service week priorities
- Step-Up to Kindergarten and other Open House events fit best on the day before school begins
- The same change was made for the current school year



ACPS Academic Calendar: 2023-24

Provide a Consistent Format for both sets of Parent-Teacher Conferences across all levels - ES, MS & HS

- Thursday AM Student Learning
- Thursday PM Conferences Afternoon & Evening (7 PM)
- Friday Full Day of Conferences (Contract Hours)



• Flip order of Winter Conferences based on feedback

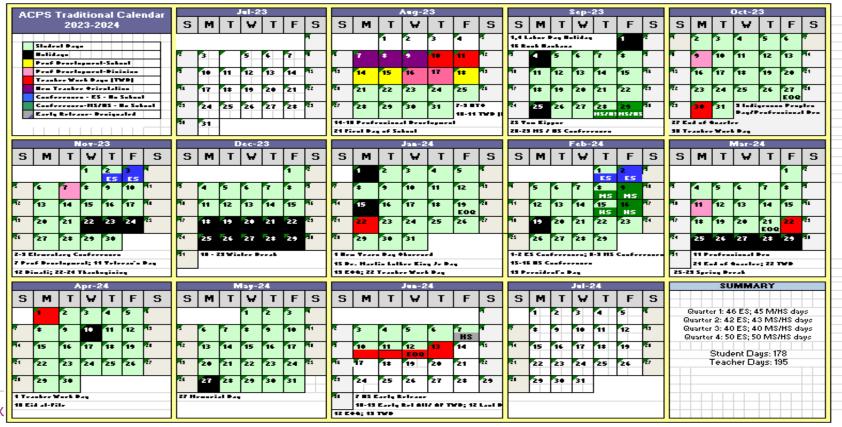


Recommendations

- August 31 and October 12 become student attendance days
- The last day of school for students becomes June 12, 2024
- Change August 17 to a division PD day
- Change August 18 to a school-based PD day
- Confirm July 25 as the first day of school at Samuel Tucker
- Last teacher work day on the Traditional Calendar is June 13
- Last teacher work day for Tucker is June 14
- Make all conferences half-day Thursday/full-day Friday



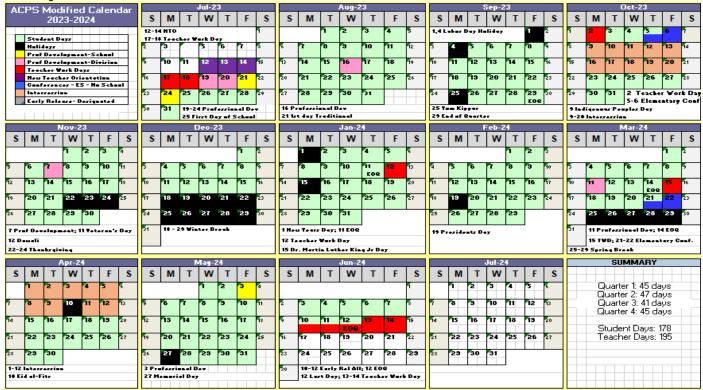
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Proposed Modified Calendar: 2023-2024



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ACPS Academic Calendar: 2024-25

The Work of the Calendar Committee

- 4 Meetings Oct. 20 Feb. 23
- Reached Consensus on Membership Governance
- Recommending Consideration of a Board Calendar Policy



Purpose

The purpose of the Calendar Advisory Committee this year will expand to...

• Create a guidance document to establish the process by which the advisory committee operates and calendar options are generated.

Two Deliverables:

Guideline Document
Calendar Options for SY 2024-25





Calendar Committee Membership

Stakeholder Organizations

At-Large

- 2 PTAC
- 1 EAA
- 1 TAC
- 3 FACE Center

Is there an existing organization at the high school that could appoint 1-2 students?

- 1-2 Parents
- 1-2 Elementary Teachers
 - 1 Tucker
- 1-2 Secondary Teachers
- 1-2 Support Staff Members
- 1-2 Students
- 1-2 Central Office Staff Members



ACPS Academic Calendar: 2024-25

Timeline

- At Large membership advertised by September 1
- Membership secured by September 30
- Committee Meetings October-November
- Board approval in December



Request for Board Guidance

- Length of the school year?
- What days will be holidays for students and staff?
- What student holidays will be staff professional development/teacher work days?
- What holidays will be observed on a Friday or Monday if they fall on a weekend?
- Length of winter break?
- Philosophy around parent-teacher conferences?
- Guidelines for staff acknowledging myriad cultural and religious days which aren't observed as student holiday



ACPS Academic Calendar: 2024-25

A "Good" Pause

- The importance of alignment weighed heavily in discussions
- Paused work when alignment effort across Region IV school divisions gained traction
- Ready, willing and able to resume the work



Next Steps

- The Human Resources team and the Calendar Committee stand ready to collaborate in framing operating standards and/or policy
- We recommend ongoing support for the Region IV effort to align calendars to the extent possible
- Committee members are poised to reconvene as soon as feasible and we propose addressing calendar options for both 2024-25 and 2025-26



Questions?

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