

2011

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Montgomery County Public Schools

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2012

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Aug 8-10	Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
Aug 11-16	Workdays/meeting days for licensed staff
Aug 17	Schools open
Aug 31	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 5	Schools closed - Labor Day
Sep 16	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Sep 27	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Sep 28	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Oct 3-7	Parent/Teacher conference week
Oct 6	DISTRICT WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Workday for staff - Non-school day for students
Oct 20	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Oct 21	End of grading period Grades K-5
Nov 2	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Nov 8	Work/Staff prof. dev. day - Non-school day for students
Nov 10	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Nov 17	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Nov 23-25	Schools closed - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Dec 19-30	Schools Closed - Winter Break
Jan 13	End of grading period Grades K-5 & 6-12/ End of semester
Jan 16	Schools closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 17-18	Work/Staff prof. dev. day - Non-school day for students
Jan 31	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Feb 10	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Feb 20	Schools closed - Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day
Mar 1	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5 End of grading period Grades 6-12
Mar 12-16	Parent/Teacher conference week
Mar 14	DISTRICT WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY Workday for staff - Non-school day for students
Mar 23	End of grading period Grades K-5
Mar 27	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
Apr 4	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early
Apr 5-9	Schools closed - Spring Break
Apr 17	End of grading period Grades 6-12
Apr 25	Collaborative planning/Early dismissal Grades K-5
May 28	Schools closed - Memorial Day
Jun 6	Early dismissal - *All students 2 1/2 hrs early End of grading period K-5 & 6-12 - LAST SCHOOL DAY
Jun 7	Work/Staff professional development day

- ☐ Schools closed - Holidays/Breaks
- Induction workdays for licensed staff new to MCPS
- △ Work/Staff professional 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

January '12

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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

**2011-2012 School Calendar
Definitions and Explanations
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Pre-Labor Day Opening - The Montgomery County Public School year starts before Labor Day. This provides for adequate inclement weather make-up days without needing to take away 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 school starting date.

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 Conference Days - Elementary and Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for October 3-7 and March 12-16. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled to provide a flexible time frame for teachers to meet with parents to discuss student progress. Schools will remain in session during the conference weeks. Schools will have a District Wide Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Schools Closed - Work/Staff Professional Development day) on October 6th and March 14th to help accommodate these conferences. 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 5), Thanksgiving (November 24-25), Winter Break and New Year's Day (December 22-23, 26, 29, and 30), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16), Virginia Heroes' Day/Presidents' Day (February 20), Spring Break (April 6 & 9), and Memorial Day (May 28).

*The School Board approved November 23, 2011 as a non-workday for all 12 Month Employees.

Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan

If 0 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Tue., May 29, 2012.
If 1 day missed	the last day of school will be on	Wed., May 30, 2012.
If 2 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Thu., May 31, 2012.
If 3 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Fri., June 1, 2012.
If 4 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Mon., June 4, 2012.
If 5 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Tue., June 5, 2012.
If 6 days missed	the last day of school will be on	Wed., June 6, 2012.

If more than 6 days are missed, banked time may be used as provided by Sec. 22.1098 of the Code of Virginia.