### August
- **11** Fall Sports begin.
- **13–15** New teacher orientation.
- **16–17** Reading Program training for new teachers.
- **20–23** Opening activities for teachers. (To include the equivalent of 2 teacher workdays). Aug 22: Prof. Development Day.
- **24** Schools closed for teachers.
- **27–29** Conferences for Half-day Pre-K & ECI students. August 27 & 28 only for Kindergarten & Full-day Pre-K students
- **27** Schools open for grades 1–5 and grades 6 and 9 only.
- **28** Schools open for students grades 1 through 12.
- **29–31** Staggered entrance for Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten.*
- **30** First day of school for ECI students.
- **30,31,9/4** Staggered entrance for Half-day Prekindergarten.*

### September
- **3** Labor Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **4** First day for all Kindergarten and Full-day Prekindergarten*.
- **5** First day for all Half-kindergarten.
- **12** Attacking the Gap! Professional Development.
- **20** Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary and middle schools. Professional Development Day/Workday for high school.
- **21–23** Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

### October
- **1–4** High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- **10** Attacking the Gap! Professional Development.
- **12** Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- **17** PSAT
- **19** Schools closed for students. MSEA Convention. Professional Development Day.

### November
- **2** End of first marking period (46 days).
- **4** Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- **5** Beginning of second marking period.
- **6** Election Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **12–16** American Education Week
- **15** Winter Sports begin.
- **16** Report card distribution.
- **19 & 20** Schools closed for students. Parent/Teacher conferences for elementary and middle schools. Professional Development Day/Workday for high school.
- **21–23** Thanksgiving Holiday — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

### December
- **5** Attacking the Gap! Professional Development.
- **24** Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- **14** Interims to be sent home by this date.

### January
- **1** All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **2** Schools open for teachers and students.
- **7–18** High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- **18** Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology.
- **21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- **22–25** High School Semester Examinations.
- **28–29** Schools closed for students. Professional Development Day/Workday for elementary and middle school. Workday for high school teachers.

**Note:** January 28 and 29 may be made school days for all students. See “Calendar Notes” on the reverse side regarding Inclement Weather closings.

**30** Beginning of third marking period.

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*For more information on the start of Kindergarten, Pre-K, or ECI, contact your local school or visit the Early Childhood website at www.aacps.org/earlychildhood*
**February**

- 5 Prekindergarten Application begins.
- 8 Report card distribution for all students.
- 13 Attacking the Gap! Professional Development.
  - Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- 18 Presidents Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.

**March**

- 1 Spring sports begin.
- 1 Interims to be sent home.
- 4–19 Maryland School Assessment (MSA) Administration.
  - (Grades 3-8)
- 25–Apr. 1 Easter/Spring Break — All schools closed March 25 – Apr. 1 for students, teachers, and school-based Unit IV employees. School Offices & Central Offices closed March 28–Apr. 1.

**April**

- 1 All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 2 Schools open for teachers and students.
- 9–26 MSA Science Test Administration, Grades 5 and 8 only.
- 9 Kindergarten Registration begins.
- 12 End of third marking period (46 days).
  - Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- 15 Beginning of fourth marking period.
- 15–19 High School Assessment (HSA) Senior Administration.
- 25 Report Card distribution for all students.

**May**

- 1 Attacking the Gap! Professional Development.
  - Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for p.m. Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- 10 Interims to be sent home by this date.
- 20–22 High School Assessment (HSA) Administration.
- 23, 24 Schools closed for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and ECI students. Spring Conferences for parents of those students.
- 27 Memorial Day — All Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 30 Last day for graduating seniors.

**June**

- 13 Semester Examinations for Centers of Applied Technology.
- 14, 17–19 High School Examinations, textbook collection.
  - Two-hour early dismissal for all students. Schools closed for all half-day Prekindergarten and ECI students.
- 19 End of fourth marking period (47 days).
  - Last day for students.
- 20 Last day for teachers.

**July**

- 4 Independence Day observed — Schools & Central Offices closed.
- 9 Summer School begins.
- 29–8/1 High School Assessment (HSA) Summer Administration.

**Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closings**

This calendar has four days built in at the end of the school year for emergency closings, making the school year 185 student days and 195 teacher days. If any of the four emergency days are not used, they shall be deducted from the June closing date. Additional emergency closings shall be made up as follows:

- Additional emergency closing days will be made up by adding on days to the June closing date.
- If emergency closings fall on January testing days or the teacher workday, secondary schools will reschedule so that there are four consecutive testing days followed by one teacher workday. This scheduling affects all schools.

**Semester Tests and Examinations**

Extracurricular activities, practices, and club activities shall be scheduled at the end of the regular school day for not more than 90 minutes on the evening prior to the day of semester tests and examinations for high schools.

**Religious Observances**

Tests and examinations shall not be scheduled on the day of a major religious observance. Tests and examinations for evening high school will not be scheduled on the day a religious observance begins. Jewish and Muslim dates are set according to the Lunar calendar; they begin at sundown on the preceeding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted.

- Aug. 19: Eid al-Fitr
- Sept. 17: Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 26: Yom Kippur
- Oct. 26: Eid al-Adha

**Appropriate Exercises**

Schools shall devote a portion of the day to appropriate exercises on the following dates (or on the following Monday if date falls on the weekend):

- Oct. 8: Columbus Day
- Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
- Feb. 12: Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb. 22: Washington’s Birthday
- April 30: Arbor Day
- May 27: Memorial Day

…and any other day of national significance. When schools are closed, appropriate exercises should be held on the preceding Friday.