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Board Approves School Calendar for 2020-2021

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year during the May 14, 2019, Board meeting. The calendar is similar to the model used for many years. The school year will begin August 4, 2020, and end May 26, 2021.

The calendar may be viewed on the district's website on the [School Calendar page](#). When planning Houston County's school calendar, the following is considered:

- state and national testing dates;
- 180 days of school for students;
- 190 work days for faculty, to include 10 professional learning and planning days;
- traditional holidays;
- dividing the year as close as possible to 90 days per semester; and
- ending the first semester before Christmas break so that students take finals at the end of the semester instead of after the break.

The school calendar observes these holidays: Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents' Day. The calendar has a week off in October for fall break, in November for Thanksgiving and the end of March for spring break. Students and employees will also be off for two weeks for Christmas and New Year's holidays between the first and second semesters.

Students will have a half-day the end of each semester, on Dec. 18, 2020, and May 26, 2021. Graduation is planned May 28 and 29, 2021, the weekend before Memorial Day.

The 2020-2021 calendar is pictured.

July 28-August 3, 2020	Pre-Planning / Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 28)
August 4, 2020	First Day of School
September 7, 2020	Labor Day Holiday
October 9, 2020	System/Site Collaboration, Parent Conferences, Student Holiday
October 12, 2020	Columbus Day Holiday
October 13-16, 2020	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers
November 11, 2020	Veterans Day Holiday
November 23 - 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 18, 2020	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
December 21 – Jan. 1	Christmas & New Year's Holiday
January 4, 2021	Site Collaboration, Student Holiday
January 5, 2021	Second Semester Begins
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 15, 2021	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 16, 2021	System/Site Collaboration, Student Holiday
March 29 - April 2, 2021	Spring Break
May 26, 2021	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
May 27 - 28, 2021	Post-Planning, Site Collaboration
May 28 & 29, 2021	High School Graduation
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day Holiday

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- First & Last Day of Semesters
- Holidays
- Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration

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