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Board approves School Calendar for 2019-2020 Revises 2018-2019 Calendar

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved the school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year during the March 13, 2018, Board meeting. The calendar is similar to the model used for several years. The school year will begin August 1, 2019, and end May 22, 2020.

In addition, the 2018-2019 school calendar has been slightly revised based on feedback from administrators. The last day of both semesters – Dec. 19, 2018 and May 24, 2019 - will now be half-days for students. The Christmas and New Year's holiday has been extended by two days, with second semester beginning Jan. 7, 2019, for students; teachers will return Jan. 4 (instead of Jan. 2). The school year will end May 24, 2019. Graduation will take place as originally planned, on May 24 and 25, 2019.

Both calendars 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 about two weeks for Christmas and New Year's holidays between the first and second semesters. Graduation is planned May 24 and 25, 2019, the weekend before Memorial Day.

The 2019-2020 calendar is pictured.

July 25-31, 2019	Pre-Planning / Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 25)
August 1, 2019	First Day of School
September 2, 2019	Labor Day Holiday
October 7-10, 2019	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers
October 14, 2019	System/Site Collaboration, Parent Conferences, Student Holiday
October 11, 2019	Columbus Day Holiday Observed
November 11, 2019	Veterans Day Holiday
November 25 - 29, 2019	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20, 2019	Last Day of Semester - ½ day for Students; full day for Teachers
December 23 - Jan. 3	Christmas Holiday
January 6, 2020	Site Collaboration, Student Holiday
January 7, 2020	Second Semester Begins
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 17, 2020	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 18, 2020	System/Site Collaboration, Student Holiday
March 30 - April 3, 2020	Spring Break (Easter April 12)
May 22, 2020	Last Day of School - ½ day for Students; full day for Teachers
May 22 & 23, 2020	High School Graduation
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day Holiday
May 26 & 27, 2020	Post-Planning, Site Collaboration

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



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