

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: June 10, 2003
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Proposed 2004-2005 School Calendar
ORIGINATOR: Sharon Norman, Director, Office of Communications

Recommendation

**That the Board of Education approve the proposed
2004-2005 school calendar developed by the
School Calendar Committee**

Attachment

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Towson, Maryland 21204

Proposed Calendar 2004 –2005

			Pupil Days	Teacher Days
August	20(F)	Meeting of Admin/Supervisory Personnel		
	23(M)	Teachers on Duty		
	30(M)	Opening Day for Students	2	7
September	6(M)	Labor Day – Schools Closed		
	16(Th)	Rosh Hashanah – Schools Closed	20	20
October	1(F)	Professional Development—Schools Closed for Students		
	11(M)	Columbus Day*		
	15(F)	Professional Development Day/MSTA Convention		
		Schools Closed for Students	19	21
November	2(T)	Election Day—Schools Closed		
	5(F)	First Marking Period Ends – Assessment Day for elementary and middle schools*** - Schools Close 3 hours early for elementary and middle school students		
	11(Th)	Veterans Day*		
	15-19(M-F)	American Education Week		
	19(F)	Elementary Conference Day – Schools Closed for elementary students		
	22(M)	Distribution of Report Cards		
	25-26(Th-F)	Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools Closed	19	19
December	15(M)	Bill of Rights Day*		
	23(Th)	Christmas/Winter Holiday begins at end of school day	17	17
January	3(M)	Schools Reopen for Students		
	15(S)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday**		
	17(M)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday Observed – Schools Closed		
	21(F)	Second Marking Period Ends		
	24(M)	Assessment Day/Preparation for Second Semester – Schools Closed for Students	19	20
February	7(M)	Distribution of Report Cards		
	12(S)	Lincoln’s Birthday**		
	18(F)	Team Planning and Student Performance Data Analysis***** – Schools close three hours early for elementary and middle school students		
	21(M)	President’s Day – Schools Closed		
	22(T)	Washington’s Birthday*	19	19

March	24(Th) 25(F)	Easter/Spring Holiday begins at the end of the school day Maryland Day*		
			18	18
April	4(M) 8(F) 25(M)	Schools Reopen Third Marking Period Ends – Assessment Day for elementary and middle school students – schools close 3 hours early for elementary and middle school students Report Cards Distributed		
			20	20
May	6(F) 27(F) 28-31(S-T) 30(M)	PreK/K Conference Day – no preK, half-day, or full day Kindergarten sessions Last Day for Seniors Commencement Exercises Memorial Day** – Schools Closed		
			21	21
June	1-5 (W-Su) 14(T) 15-16(W-Th) 16(Th) 17(F)	Commencement Exercises Flag Day* Assessment Days****Schools close 3 hours early for high school students; teachers on duty Assessment Day***Schools close 3 hours early for elementary and middle school students; teachers on duty Last Day of Classes for Students and Teachers; schools close 3 hours early for students; teachers on duty		
			<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
		TOTALS	187	195
June	25(F) 28(M)	Summer School Teachers on duty for all centers Summer School begins for all centers		
July	5(M) 6(T) 30(F)	Summer School closed for Independence Day Curriculum Workshops begin Last Day of Summer School for all Centers		

Functional Test Dates for Reading, Mathematics: July 14-15, 2004

Functional Test Dates for Writing: Prompt I July 14; Prompt II July 15, 2004

*Schools open with appropriate exercises

**Appropriate exercises to be scheduled on the Friday before

***ASSESSMENT DAYS- Elementary and middle schools will be given time for parents, teachers, and students to meet and/or assess progress

****ASSESSMENT DAYS- High schools will have the opportunity to administer traditional midterm and/or final exams or to use alternative assessment procedures

*****TEAM PLANNING AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS—Teachers will work in a variety of team structures at local schools to analyze and use performance data to develop differentiated instructional strategies for improving student achievement.

If inclement weather conditions force us to close schools more than seven days, it will be necessary to alter the school calendar. These additional days will be scheduled as required at the end of the school year. The calendar will be reduced up to 5 days if not needed to offset days/hours when schools are closed due to inclement weather. **Teacher duty days will not exceed 191.** One-half days may be modified for inclement weather/emergency conditions.