



Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mark Scott

Board Members

Helen Hughes, Chair

Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chair

Dave Crockett

Mark Ivory

Lori Johnson

Jon Nichols

Bryan Upshaw

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2023

Release #2023/24 – 005

Contact: Jennifer C. Jones, Director of Community & School Affairs, (478) 988-6390, Jennifer.C.Jones@hcbe.net

Houston County Board of Education Approves School Calendar for 2024-2025

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year during their monthly meeting on July 18, 2023. The calendar is similar to the model the school district has used for several years. The school year will begin July 31, 2024 and end May 21, 2025.

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
- Ending the first semester before Christmas break so students take finals at the end of the semester instead of after the break.

The calendar observes several holidays during the school year: 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 beginning of April for spring break. Students will also be off for two weeks for Christmas and New Year's holidays between the first and second semesters.

The last day of school each semester will be a half day on December 20, 2024 and May 21, 2025. Students will have two distance learning days on September 3, 2024 and February 18, 2025. Graduation is planned for May 23 and 24, 2025, which is the weekend before Memorial Day.

The calendar is shown below and can also be found at www.hcbe.net/calendar.

MORE

Houston County Board of Education Approves School Calendar for 2024-2025 / page 2 of 2



2024-2025

July 24 – July 30, 2024	Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 24)	<div>July</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>TH</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			<div>August</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>TH</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr><tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							<div>September</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>TH</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr><tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr><tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S																																																																																																																																			
		1	2	3	4	5																																																																																																																																			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																																																																			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																																																																			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																																																																			
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																																																																					
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S																																																																																																																																			
					1	2																																																																																																																																			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																																																																			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																																																																			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																																																																			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																																																																			
31																																																																																																																																									
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S																																																																																																																																			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																																																																			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																																																																			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																																																																			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																																																																			
29	30																																																																																																																																								
July 31, 2024	First Day of School																																																																																																																																								
September 2, 2024	Labor Day Holiday																																																																																																																																								
September 3, 2024	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
October 7-10, 2024	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers																																																																																																																																								
October 11, 2024	Columbus Day Holiday (Observed)																																																																																																																																								
October 14, 2024	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
November 11, 2024	Veterans Day Holiday																																																																																																																																								
November 25-29, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday																																																																																																																																								
December 20, 2024	Last Day of Semester – ½ Day																																																																																																																																								
December 23 – January 2	Christmas & New Year's Holiday																																																																																																																																								
January 3, 2025	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
January 6, 2025	Second Semester Begins																																																																																																																																								
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday																																																																																																																																								
February 17, 2025	Presidents' Day Holiday																																																																																																																																								
February 18, 2025	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
March 28, 2025	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
March 31-April 4, 2025	Spring Break																																																																																																																																								
May 21, 2025	Last Day of Semester – ½ Day																																																																																																																																								
May 22-23, 2025	Post-Planning/Site Collaboration																																																																																																																																								
May 23-24, 2025	High School Graduation																																																																																																																																								
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day Holiday																																																																																																																																								

First & Last Day of Semesters	Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration
Holidays/System Shutdown	Distance Learning/Site Collaboration

Approved July 18, 2023 by the Board of Education

###