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Houston County Board of Education Approves School Calendar for 2023-2024

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year during their monthly meeting on June 14, 2022. The calendar is similar to the model the school district has used for several years. The school year will begin August 2, 2023, and end May 22, 2024.

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 and employees 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, 2023, and May 22, 2024. Students will have two distance learning days on September 5, 2023, and February 20, 2024. Graduation is planned for May 24 and 25, 2024, which is the weekend before Memorial Day.

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

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July 26 – August 1, 2023	Pre-Planning/Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 26)
August 2, 2023	First Day of School
September 4, 2023	Labor Day Holiday
September 5, 2023	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
October 6, 2023	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
October 9, 2023	Columbus Day Holiday
October 10 – 13, 2023	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers
November 10, 2023	Veterans Day Holiday
November 20 – 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20, 2023	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
December 21 – January 2	Christmas & New Year's Holiday
January 3, 2024	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
January 4, 2024	Second Semester Begins
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 19, 2024	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 20, 2024	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration
March 29, 2024	Student Holiday/Site Collaboration
April 1-5, 2024	Spring Break
May 22, 2024	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers
May 23 – 24, 2024	Post-Planning/Site Collaboration
May 24 – 25, 2024	High School Graduation
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day Holiday

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

Approved June 14, 2022 by the Board of Education

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