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Houston County Board of Education Approves 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2027-2028 school year during their monthly meeting on April 7, 2026. The calendar includes 180 days of school for students and 190 workdays for faculty, including 10 professional learning and planning days. The school year will begin on Tuesday, August 3, 2027, and end Wednesday, May 24, 2028. High school graduations for the Class of 2028 will be held on Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26, 2027, which will allow families to celebrate the full Memorial Day weekend together.

When planning Houston County's school calendar, the following is considered:

- Traditional holidays;
- Dividing the year as close as possible to 90 days per semester;
- Ending the school year and post-planning dates before the Memorial Day holiday;
- Ending the first semester before Winter break so students take finals at the end of the semester instead of after the break; and
- State and national testing dates.

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 on March 27-31 for Spring Break. Students will also be off for two weeks for Winter Break 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 17, 2027, and May 24, 2028. Students will have two distance learning days on September 7, 2027, and February 22, 2028.

The 2027-2028 Academic Calendar is shown below and can also be found at www.hcbe.net/calendar. This web page also includes the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar.

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2027-2028 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2027

JULY

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- Holidays/District Closed
- Pre/Post-Planning & Collaboration
- Distance Learning/Site Collaboration
- First & Last Days of Semesters

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JULY

27-30: Pre-Planning / PL / Collaboration

AUGUST

2: Pre-Planning / PL / Collaboration
3: First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

6: Labor Day Holiday
7: Distance Learning / Site Collaboration

OCTOBER

8: Student Holiday / PL / Collaboration
11-15: Fall Break

NOVEMBER

11: Veterans Day Holiday
22-26: Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

17: Last Day of Semester: 1/2 Day for Students
20-31: Winter Break

JANUARY

3: Student Holiday / PL / Collaboration
4: Second Semester Begins
17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

FEBRUARY

21: Presidents' Day Holiday
22: Distance Learning / Site Collaboration

MARCH

27-31: Spring Break

APRIL

3: Student Holiday / PL / Collaboration

MAY

24: Last Day of Semester: 1/2 Day for Students
25-26: Post-Planning / Site Collaboration
25-26: High School Graduation
29: Memorial Day Holiday

HALF-DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

- 11:30 a.m. - Middle Schools
- 12:00 p.m. - High Schools
- 12:30 p.m. - Primary and Elementary Schools