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Board Approves Revised School Calendar for 2022-2023

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved a revised District calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. The revision, approved during the November 9 Board meeting, made two changes to the previous version published in June of this year. No changes were made to the current 2021-2022 school year calendar.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the District added two distance learning days for students on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, and Tuesday, February 21, 2023. These days will allow students to utilize digital learning tools from home, while teachers will report to work for site collaboration. Both distance learning days fall immediately after a scheduled holiday for students and staff.

“Distance learning days are a great opportunity to focus on the individual needs of students. Teachers will use these days to assign remediation activities for those who need it or enrichment for students who have mastered a certain skill,” said Lazunia Frierson, Assistant Superintendent of District and School Effectiveness. “Our teachers will also benefit from the extended collaboration time, which will allow them to analyze data to better plan for individualized student learning needs.”

The school year will begin as previously scheduled on August 1, 2022, and end May 24, 2023. 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 two weeks for Christmas and New Year’s holidays between the first and second semesters. Students will have a half-day the end of each semester, on Dec. 16, 2022, and May 24, 2023. Graduation is planned for May 26 and 27, 2023, the weekend before Memorial Day.

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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 revised calendar may be viewed on the district's website on the [District Calendar Page](#).

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2022-2023

July 25 – 29, 2022	Pre-Planning / Site Collaboration (Opening Session July 25)	July 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	August 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	September 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
August 1, 2022	First Day of School			
September 5, 2022	Labor Day Holiday			
September 6, 2022	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration			
October 7, 2022	Student Holiday / Site Collaboration			
October 10, 2022	Columbus Day Holiday			
October 11-14, 2022	Fall Holiday, Students & Teachers			
November 11, 2022	Veterans Day Holiday			
November 21 - 25, 2022	Thanksgiving Holiday			
December 16, 2022	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers			
December 19 – January 2	Christmas & New Year's Holiday			
January 3, 2023	Student Holiday / Site Collaboration			
January 4, 2023	Second Semester Begins			
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday			
February 20, 2023	Presidents' Day Holiday			
February 21, 2023	Distance Learning Day/Site Collaboration			
March 31, 2023	Student Holiday / Site Collaboration			
April 3 - 7, 2023	Spring Break			
May 24, 2023	Last Day of Semester – ½ for Students, Full day for Teachers			
May 25 - 26, 2023	Post-Planning / Site Collaboration			
May 26 & 27, 2023	High School Graduation			
May 29, 2023	Memorial Day Holiday			

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

Approved November 9, 2021, by the Board of Education