

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

"Must Haves" According to the State Statutes/Guidelines

- Cover at least 9 calendar months
- Cannot Start before the 3rd Monday in August, mandated by state law (August 16, 2021)
- 180 days for instruction with students and 190 days for teachers
 - 3 Days for Professional Development
 - 7 Days for teacher planning, academic plans, and parent conferences
- Election Day (odd-numbered years) -- no students in attendance, but teachers can work
- 3 Weather makeup days built into the academic calendar--eLearning Days
- Up to 2 additional eLearning days beyond the 3 Weather makeup days
- Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Day
(Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, and Presidents' Day are not protected holidays)

Options:

- Up to 3 Half Days
- Early Release Days -- "reasonable" amount

Additional Local Guidelines for the Academic Calendar

*Family-Student Data Conferences Day near the end of 1st Quarter (mandated by the board)

*Extended weekend at the end of 1st semester for high schools to wrap up the semester and turn schedules around to start 2nd semester

Requests

*Coordinate Spring Break with Berkeley and/or Dorchester and/or Private Schools (teachers who live in another county)

****As of Feb. 8, 2021, both Berkeley County School District and Dorchester School District 2 have recommended their Spring Break dates be April 11 -15, 2022, but those dates are not finalized.**

*Teacher Work time at the end of each quarter for grades (teachers)

*End 1st semester before the Winter Break (students, parents, teachers)

*Have a Fall Break (parents)