

"Must Haves" According to the State Statutes/Guidelines [S.C. Code Ann. § 59-1-425 and others]

- Cover at least 9 calendar months
- Cannot start before the 3rd Monday in August, mandated by state law (August 15, 2021) **unless on a year-round modified calendar*
- 180 days for instruction with students and 190 days for teachers
 - At least 3 days for “Collegial Professional Development” [required by Section 59-18-300]
 - No more than 7 days for teacher planning, academic plans, and parent conferences
- 3 Weather makeup days built into the academic calendar
- Election Day (odd-numbered years) -- no students in attendance, but teachers can work [Section 59-1-370]
- Election Day (even-numbered years) -- no student or teachers in attendance
- 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:

- As a member of the State's eLearning cohort, CCSD can include up to 5 eLearning days **for weather make up or unexpected emergencies**
- 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 of Trustees)
- *Extended weekend at the end of 1st semester for high schools to wrap up the semester and turn schedules around to start 2nd semester
- *Similar number of instructional days in each semester

Requests

- *Coordinate Spring Break with Berkeley and/or Dorchester and/or Private Schools (teachers who live in another county)
- *Teacher Work time at the end of each quarter for grades (teachers)
- *End 1st semester before the Winter Break (high school students, parents, teachers)
- *Have a Fall Break (parents)