

Charlottesville
City Schools
2027-28
Academic Calendar

Strategic Plan Alignment

Priority Area 1: Increase Academic Achievement

Priority Area 2: Provide a Culture of Safety, Wellness, and Belonging

Priority Area 3: Support Our Staff

Priority Area 4: Ensure Effective and Efficient Operations

Calendar Development Process

- Calendar Committee Meetings
 - Review potential drafts
 - Hear feedback and priorities
- CCS priorities
- Ongoing collaboration with ACPS
- CCS Community Surveys
 - Analyze feedback from stakeholders on initial draft and then on revised draft
- Analysis of past calendars back to 2010

Past Calendar Analysis

- Total Days:
 - Approved calendars prior from the 2010-11 to 2021-22 school years had 180 days and 194 teacher days-
 - Since then, days on the approved calendar ranged from 176-178 and 191 to 192 for teachers.
 - The proposed 27-28 calendar returns to 180 days for students and includes 195 days for teachers.
- PL/Teacher Workdays:
 - Pre-Week
 - Additional PL and Teacher Workdays
 - Conference Day
- Length of Summer
 - Since 2010-11, approved calendars had between 8-10 weeks off for teachers and 9-11 weeks off for students with 9 and 10 respectively happening most often. (proposed 27-28 is 9/10 weeks from end of current year)

Past Calendar Analysis

- Start/End Date
 - Prior to the early start shift in 24-25:
 - Start date ranged from August 19-August 25. These were the 3rd or 4th Wednesdays of the month (with one year being a Tuesday)
 - End date ranged from June 3 to June 10
 - After the early start shift in 24-25:
 - Start date has ranged from August 12-14 (proposed is August 11). These have all been the second Wednesday of the month
 - End date has ranged from May 28-May 30 (proposed is June 1 for students).
 - Of the three years on the “earlier calendar,” only the current year 26-27 will result in students’ last day being before Memorial Day
 - Memorial Day ranges from May 25-May 31

Past Calendar Analysis

- # of Weeks of School
 - Since 2010-11, the school year has typically spanned 39 weeks (once 40) (counts only weeks with school days-not winter and spring breaks)
 - The proposed calendar spans 40 weeks in order to accommodate days off during the school year and meet 180 student days.
- Long Spring Stretch
 - Since 2010-11, the first week of April has been spring break with the first Monday off ranging from March 31 to April 6
 - Based on when the days fall, the stretch from spring break to Memorial Day has been either 6 or 7 weeks (most often 7) and only twice amongst the adopted calendars was there a day off between spring break and Memorial Day.

What are the considerations?

- Alignment with neighboring districts
- Required instructional days - 180
- Elections
- Teacher workdays need to follow end of quarter for grades
- Logistics of closing out school
- Conference day
- Clustering days off (or not)
- Desire for not having isolated days off
- Holidays
- Professional learning needs
- Collective bargaining

Calendar Priorities

- CCS Priorities
 - 180 student days
 - Teacher close-out/workday after the last school day
 - Return to 3 professional learning days during the school year (after pre-service week)
- Committee
 - Desire to keep mental wellness days
 - Keep days banked together
 - Not a huge desire for a week at Thanksgiving
 - Workdays immediately following the end of quarter
 - Concern around additional teacher days without additional pay
 - Too early of a start
 - Align with ACPS
 - Do we have to have 180 days?
- Considerations
 - Additional election day (presidential primary) in March 2028

Initial Calendar Survey

- Nearly 500 responses
- Overall, 72% of respondents either agreed or were neutral, with parents being the most satisfied
- What we heard
 - Appreciation for
 - Efforts to align more with ACPS
 - Placement of major breaks
 - Teacher workdays following end of quarter
 - Desire to not have isolated mid-week days off, not have mental wellness days on Tuesdays-This was significant.
 - Concerns and questions about
 - Early start/extending to June, shortening summer
 - Long stretch between spring break and Memorial Day
 - Number of Professional Learning Days vs Workdays
 - Mixed responses regarding 3 day vs. 4 day breaks

Sample Feedback

Length of School Year/Start and End Date

Starts way too early to still end in June. This calendar will not work well for students; there are not enough breaks for students with all of the added days.

It will be better for our family if the school last day will be on Friday, June 2nd.

Making summer break shorter severely impacts students abilities to partake in summer internships and other opportunities for work, college resume building, and other hobbies and activities in general. More frequent breaks during the school year could also result in an inconsistent schedule which many students may not benefit from.

More school days and fewer days off (ie not mental health days, etc). 190 school days.

The calendar takes a week away from summer. Summer has already been shortened by one week. This calendar's summer break is two weeks shorter than a few years ago. Many staff members work extra jobs in the summer. Will this change come with significant staff raises to reflect the extra time worked?

All looks fine - I just realllly dislike beginning school so early in August. Ideally, we would begin after Labor Day, and I would be happy to have kids in school until June, but don't think there is much hope for that!

Looks great! Only wish that school ended before Memorial Day so we didn't come back from the holiday for 2.5 days of end-of-year fun - but really appreciate the consolidated holidays!!

Sample Feedback

Days Off

I'm liking the Monday mental health days.

The winter break is quite long.

The number of Monday+Tuesdays off is a little concerning. Fridays and Mondays are usually easier to take off work. I also disagree that having two days off in a row is preferable to having two single -day breaks in one month.

Take away the mental health days and give schools the full week of Thanksgiving. The Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving can serve as travel days for people to visit families out of town. Beyond this, little to no meaningful instruction occurs on these days

There are too many days off. Why do we have two days off in BOTH October and November? Typically schools have one fall break, not two, and that isn't even taking the Thanksgiving break into account. There are far too many teacher work days and mental health days, and this is coming from someone in the mental health field. It is a detriment to kids and families for them not to be in school, we know this definitively from COVID. We should be above the bare minimum of required school days. I appreciate the request for feedback, but once school starts, it should be in session more regularly. I am happy to go back a little later to make up for this vs. such a choppy school year.

3 days off in March seems like a lot, but I like the rest of the changes

There are too many days off during the school year for students. Can we start later or end earlier and go to school more during the school year?

Sample Feedback

Days Off

I don't love having a 4 day weekend in September so soon after school restarts, I'd rather it be spread out. I also don't like the two short weeks back to back in March, why can't one move to start of spring break? But I think this is an improvement on the last one so I can live with it.

It's too many days off of school in the fall. I have spoken with teachers about this as well. It's hard to get people into routines. My suggestion is to take the current 4 day weekends and make them 3 day weekends. One of those a month is great. And start a few days later in August. The

Four days off within two weeks in March is really rough for working parents!

Great work balancing a whole lot of competing priorities! I really appreciate prioritizing four-day weekends over a series of Fridays off: it makes it a lot easier to travel, schedule family time and do enrichment activities that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise.

One thing mentioned is that there are no days off between spring break and Memorial Day weekend. What about moving the March 17th day off to the end of April for a break for the final push to the end of the year?

It would be better for working families if there were less days off. If that cannot be achieved, working with Parks and Rec to have coverage and publicize School's Out Days so they have more visibility and are affordable would be ideal.

Other Sample Feedback

Seems better than previous calendars. Support more 5 day weeks

I appreciate the transparency and inclusion from the community is soliciting feedback and relaying what you heard

Better alignment with Albemarle County would be GREAT!

I do appreciate the end of each quarter backing up to the teacher work days with no days in between.

Hi there - I wanted to raise the point again for staff who have to work over 200 days. Getting out that late in June - regardless of it being before or after memorial day - takes away a week of our summer. I would rather lose the mental health days and have the last day of school remain in May and know several other colleagues who agree. I recognize that in the past we have gone past memorial day, however, those weeks ended with the last day of school on a Wednesday. Having the last day for staff be on a Friday significantly cuts into the summer break.

Revised Draft

- We've maintained 180 school days, returning to a pre-pandemic schedule to support academic achievement.
- We are continuing to work with Albemarle as they draft their 2027-28 calendar to align our calendars as closely as possible, which we heard in the survey is a community priority.
- Both Mental Wellness days are now on Mondays.
- The school closure on Tuesday, March 7 (an Election Day for the presidential primary) is now paired with a school closure on Monday, March 6 (Mental Wellness Day) so that there isn't an isolated day off in the middle of the week.

Feedback so far on revised draft

- Appreciation for listening to input, the process
- Opposition to early start, finish after Memorial Day
- Split around having days off and not disrupting momentum and consistency
- Placement of 4 day weekends

Revised Draft

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2027-2028

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June 2028						
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180 STUDENT DAYS, 195 TEACHER DAYS

- Summer: Schools and Division Offices Closed:** 7/5, 6/19
- New Educator Orientation:** 7/28-7/30
- On-site Pre-service/Close-out Days (no students):** 8/2, 8/3, 8/6, 8/9, 8/10, 6/2
- Professional Learning Day (no students):** 8/4, 8/5, 9/7, 11/2, 2/18
- No School for Students and Teachers**
- Teacher Workday (no students):** 10/11, 1/3, 3/17
- Mental Wellness Day (schools and division offices closed):** 11/1, 3/6
- Family-Teacher Conference Day (no students):** 10/12
- Election Days (no students because 8 schools are polling places):** 11/2, 3/7
- *WEATHER MAKEUP DAYS:** 2/18 and 2/21 are possible weather makeup days.

End of 9-week Grading Period

Quarter 1 = 10/8 (41 days) Quarter 3 = 3/15 (48 days)
Quarter 2 = 12/17 (43 days) Quarter 4 = 6/1 (48 days)

First Day of School: 8/11

Last Day of School: 6/1 (Half-day for students. Close-out Day in the afternoon)

Holidays for 12-month employees: Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; Friday Following Thanksgiving; Christmas Eve; Christmas Day; Day Following Christmas; New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents Day; Monday of Spring Break; Memorial Day; Juneteenth

Winter Break Note: Schools/offices closed 12/20-31

Religious/Cultural Observances: We support family observances and advise schools not to schedule events on key religious and cultural dates.

Rosh Hashanah: sunset 10/1-10/2; Yom Kippur: sunset 10/10-10/11
Diwali: 10/29

Hanukkah: sunset 12/24-12/25

Christmas: 12/25

Kwanzaa: 12/26-1/1

Lunar New Year: 1/26

Ash Wednesday: 3/1

Ramadan: sunset 1/27-10/26; Eid al-Fitr: sunset 2/26-10/27 (tentative)

Passover: sunset 4/10-10/18

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter: 4/13, 4/14, and 4/16

Eid al-Adha: sunset 5/4-10/18 (tentative)