CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

2027–2028
Academic Calendar Update

School Board Meeting - December 3, 2026

Strategic Plan Priority Area Alignment

Priority 1: Academic Achievement

Full schedule of instructional days to protect student learning time.

Priority 2: Safety, Wellness & Belonging

Professional learning time, time off, predictable routines

Priority 3: Staff Support

Quarter-end grading days and professional learning.

Priority 4: Efficient Operations

Alignment with ACPS for programming
Ensuring facilities are available for voting

Calendar Committee Next Steps

1 • NOVEMBER 2026

Committee Refinement

Adjust draft to resolve June end date.

2 • DECEMBER 2026

Board Presentation

Present revised calendar draft to School Board that ends school year by May 31.

3 • JANUARY 2027

Official Board Action

Bring recommendation forward for formal School Board vote and adoption.

Calendar Committee Next Steps: Develop a revised calendar that maintains 180 student days and avoids impacting VRS.

Where We've Landed...

2010–11 TO 2021–22

Baseline Standard

180 / 194

Student Days / Teacher Days

2022–23 TO 2026–27

Reduced Schedule

176–178 / 191–192

Student Days / Teacher Days

PROPOSED 2027–28

Restoration to 180

180 / 194

Student Days / Teacher Days

Calendar Committee Considerations

Days to Consider

Conference Day

Professional Learning and Teacher Workdays

Mental Wellness Days

Holidays

Elections

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180 STUDENT DAYS, 194 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, 5/26
- **Professional Learning Day (no students)**: 8/4, 8/5, 11/2, 3/7
- **No School for Students and Teachers**
- **Teacher Workday (no students)**: 10/11, 1/3, 3/6
- **Mental Wellness Day (schools and division offices closed)**: 11/1
- **Family-Teacher Conference Day (no students):** 10/12
- **Election Days (no students because 8 schools are polling places)**: 11/2, 3/7

End of 9-week Grading Period

Quarter 1 = 10/8 (42 days) Quarter 3 = 3/3 (43 days)

Quarter 2 = 12/17 (43 days) Quarter 4 = 5/25 (52 days)

- **First Day of School**: 8/11
- **Last Day of School**: 5/25 (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; 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–nightfall 10/3; Yom Kippur: sunset 10/10–nightfall 10/11
- Diwali: 10/29
- Hanukkah: sunset 12/24–nightfall 1/1
- Christmas: 12/25
- Kwanzaa: 12/26–1/1
- Lunar New Year: 1/26
- Ash Wednesday: 3/1
- Ramadan: sunset 1/27–nightfall 2/26; Eid al-Fitr: sunset 2/26–nightfall 2/27 (tentative)
- Passover: sunset 4/10–nightfall 4/18
- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter: 4/13, 4/14, and 4/16
- Eid al-Adha: sunset 5/4 –nightfall 5/8 (tentative)

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- Removed the added PL day on Sept. 7.
- Maintained one MW Day
- Moved PL day on Presidents' Day to March 7 which must be a student day off due to the presidential primary
- Shifted end of quarter 3 up to March 3rd to avoid another day off for a teacher workday on March 17
  - This results in a longer quarter 4, but the additional time built in allows for commensurate instructional time to other quarters while also accounting for required end of year testing.
- No isolated mid-week days off
- Provides a mix of 3 and 4 day student weekends (3 four day, 3 three day)
- While ACPS does not have a final calendar, the draft proposed at their most recent calendar meeting aligns with every day we have proposed for students to be off except one. They're proposing additional days off. The start/end days align too.

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Questions