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2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendar Options



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We are on a relentless pursuit to become the

FASTEST IMPROVING

school district in the state of Georgia – organized and led by a

HIGHLY SKILLED TEACHER & LEADER WORKFORCE

working tirelessly

on behalf of children for the benefit of our community

and **PRODUCING BREAKTHROUGH RESULTS**

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OPERATIONS

Enhance district communications efforts (both internal and external) to achieve organizational clarity and transparency.

Stakeholder Input Opportunities

- Stakeholder “Input” Opportunity
- Principal Network Meeting
- Superintendent’s Teacher Advisory
- Executive Cabinet Departments/Divisions
- Board Members

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Items included in Calendar Development Process

- State Requirements - 180 instructional days.
- Contractual requirement - 190 teacher workdays.
- Students in school on FTE count day.
- 1st semester to end before Christmas Break.
- Align the school calendar with state and federal testing schedules

Comments to Consider for the Calendar Development

- **School Start**: Consider starting in August
- **Teacher Workdays**: Add more teacher workdays for planning, grading, and other responsibilities
- **Christmas Break**: More days off before Christmas break
- **Calendar Alignment**: Align with surrounding districts
- **Independent Learning Days and Half-Days**: Revisit and/or Revise
- **Current Calendar** – Many thought the current calendar design was fine.

2025-2026 Calendar Options

2025-2026

OBSERVANCE	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
New Teacher Orient. & T4T. – (4 days) Pre-Planning - (6 days)	7.18.25 - 7.21-23.25 7.24-25.25 - 7.28-31.25	7.21-24.25 7.25.25 - 7.28-31.25 - 8.1.25	7.21-24.25 7.25.25 - 7.28-31.25 - 8.1.25
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Jul./Aug. 2025: M 28, T 29, W 30, T 31, F 1	Aug. 2025: M 4, T 5, W 6, T 7, F 8	Aug. 2025: M 4, T 5, W 6, T 7, F 8
Labor Day Fall Break – (5 days)	9.1.25 10.13-17.25	9.1.25 10.13-17.25	9.1.25 10.13-17.25
TEACHER PL – STUDENT IL	11.4.25 - 3.9.26	11.4.25 - 12.19.24 - 3.9.26	11.4.25 - 3.9.26
Thanksgiving Break – (5 days) Christmas Break – (2 weeks)	11.24-28.25 12.22.25-1.2.26	11.24-28.25 12.22.25-1.2.26	11.24-28.25 12.22.25-1.2.26
TEACHER WORKDAY – STUDENT HOLIDAY	1.5.26-TW - 1.6.26-PL Two Days	1.5.26-TW - 1.6.26-PL Two Days	1.5.26 One Day
Students Return – 2nd Semester MLK Day Mid-Winter Break – (5+/- Days) Spring Break – (5 days)	1.7.26 1.19.26 2.16-20.26 4.6-10.26	1.7.26 1.19.26 2.16-20.26 4.6-10.26	1.6.26 1.19.26 2.16-17.26 Students Off - TPL 4.6-10.26
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	May 2026: M 25, T 26, W 27, T 28, F 29	May 2026: M 25, T 26, W 27, T 28, F 29	May 2026: M 18, T 19, W 20, T 21, F 22

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EARLY RELEASE DAYS

PL – Professional Learning

PC – Parent Conference

TW – Teacher Workday

OPTION A

8.22.25 - TW

9.19.25 - PC

11.21.25 - TW

12.19.25 - TW

2.6.26 - PC

3.20.26 - TW

5.28.26 - TW

OPTION B

8.21.25 - TW

9.18.25 - PC

2.5.26 - PC

3.19.26 - TW

5.28.26 - TW

OPTION C

8.22.25 - TW

9.19.25 - PC

11.21.25 - TW

12.19.25 - TW

2.6.26 - PC

3.20.26 - TW

5.22.26 - TW

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2026-2027 Calendar Options

2026-2027

OBSERVANCE	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
New Teacher Orient. & T4T. – (4 days) Pre-Planning - (6 days)	7.17.26 - 7.20-22.26 7.23-24.26 - 7.27-30.26	7.20-23.26 7.24.26 - 7.27-31.26	7.20-23.26 7.24.26 - 7.27-31.26
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Jul./Aug. 2026: M 27, T 28, W 29, T 30, F **31**	Aug. 2026: M **3**, T 4, W 5, T 6, F 7	Aug. 2026: M **3**, T 4, W 5, T 6, F 7
Labor Day Fall Break – (5 days)	9.7.26 10.12-16.26	9.7.26 10.12-16.26	9.7.26 10.12-16.26
TEACHER PL – STUDENT IL	11.3.26 - 3.8.27	11.3.26 - 12.18.26 - 3.8.27	11.3.26 - 3.8.27
Thanksgiving Break – (5 days) Christmas Break – (2 weeks) Teacher Workday/ Student Holiday Students Return – 2nd Semester MLK Day Mid-Winter Break – (5+/- Days) Spring Break – (5 days)	11.23-27.26 12.21.26-1.1.27 1.4.27–TW - 1.5.27-PL 1.6.27 1.18.27 2.15-19.27 4.5-9.27	11.23-27.26 12.21.26-1.1.27 1.4.27–TW - 1.5.27-PL 1.6.27 1.18.27 2.15-19.27 4.5-9.27	11.23-27.26 12.21.26-1.1.27 1.4.27–TW 1.5.27 1.18.27 2.15-16.26 Students Off - TPL 4.5-9.27
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	May 2027: M 24, T 25, W 26, T **27**, F 28	May 2027: M 24, T 25, W 26, T 27, F **28**	May 2027: M 17, T 18, W 19, T 20, F **21**

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EARLY RELEASE DAYS

PL – Professional Learning

PC – Parent Conference

TW – Teacher Workday

OPTION A

8.21.26 - TW

9.18.26 - PC

11.20.26 – TW

12.18.26 - TW

2.5.27 - PC

3.19.27 - TW

5.27.27 - TW

OPTION B

8.21.26 - TW

9.18.26 - PC

2.5.27 - PC

3.19.27 - TW

5.28.27 - TW

OPTION C

8.21.26 - TW

9.18.26 - PC

11.20.26 - TW

12.18.26 - TW

2.5.27 - PC

3.19.27 - TW

5.21.27 - TW

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Next Steps

- Stakeholder Calendar “Preference” Survey
- Calendar Recommendation – December 2024 Board Meeting

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