

POLICY TITLE School Calendar		
ADOPTION/EFFECTIVE DATE 5/20/2002	MOST RECENTLY AMENDED 9/08/2025	MOST Recently REAFFIRMED
POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: District Management		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations for the development and adoption of a school year calendar for the Harford County Public School system for each school year.

II. Policy Statement

- A. The Board shall develop and adopt a calendar for each school year. This calendar shall be consistent with applicable law and shall include all federal and state holidays required by law to be observed by a Maryland public school system and such other holidays as the Board deems appropriate.
- B. The calendar for any school year shall be approved by the Board no later than eight months prior to the commencement of any such school year. If the Board believes a modification to an approved calendar is in the best interest of the school system due to an extenuating circumstance, within the eight-month window, it may, in compliance with applicable law, modify the calendar by a supermajority vote.
- C. The calendar shall include at least three days set aside for school closures due to inclement weather or such other conditions as may require the closure of all the schools. Each of the above days shall be used as a day for schools to be open to offset and replace the day when schools were closed for the reasons described above. If not so needed, the set aside days shall not be otherwise used.
- D. The Board shall appoint a committee each school year to consider a recommended calendar and make additional recommendations for the school calendar. The Board shall seek input from the community regarding the proposed calendar prior to making a decision. Public comment shall be received for at least 60 days prior to a decision by the Board on the calendar. For any calendar modifications requiring a supermajority vote, the Board may rely on the public comment and community input received during the original 60-day comment period as applicable.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:



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