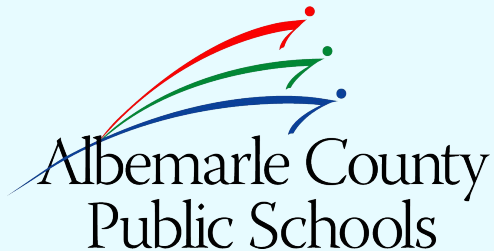




2026-2027 School Year Calendar Presentation

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Strategic Plan: Learning for All

VISION

Our learners are engaged in authentic, challenging, and relevant learning experiences, becoming lifelong contributors and leaders in our dynamic and diverse society.

MISSION

Working together as a team, we will end the predictive value of race, class, gender, and special capacities for our children's success through high-quality teaching and learning for all. We seek to build relationships with families and communities to ensure that every student succeeds.

We will know every student.

VALUES

Equity
Excellence
Family and Community
Wellness

GOALS



Thriving Students



Affirming and Empowering Communities



Equitable, Transformative Resources

Guiding Principles

The standard 10-month teacher contract shall include 200 days, including (i) a minimum of 180 teaching days or 990 instructional hours and (ii) up to 20 days for activities such as teaching, participating in professional development, planning, evaluating, completing records and reports, participating on committees or in conferences, or such other activities as may be assigned or approved by the local school board, “according to VA Code 22.1-302.

The calendar should enable time for professional learning and collaboration.

A diverse advisory committee recommend a proposed calendar to the Superintendent.

Continued Guiding Principles

For the 2025-26 school year, consider the benefits and drawbacks to starting and ending the school year earlier than we have traditionally and ending the first semester at our Winter Break

176 days minimum for student days

Maintain 2-week winter break

Maintain consistency with CCS on major breaks and holidays

2025-2026 Calendar

-Start: 8/13, End: 5/29

-177 Inst. Days

-2 Preservice PL Days

- 5 Preservice School Based Work Days

- 5 School Year PL Days

- 5.5 School Year Work Days

-2 Family Conference Windows; Fall/Spring

- Teacher Contract Days
200: 195 encumbered
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2025-26 School Year Calendar

JULY 2025

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177 SCHOOL DAYS



Quarter 1 = 41 days
Quarter 2 = 42 days
Quarter 3 = 47 days
Quarter 4 = 47 days

Note: Calendar includes 195 contract days for teachers.

CALENDAR KEY

- Holiday: July 4; Sept 1; Nov 26-28; Dec 22 – Jan 2; Jan 19; April 6-10; May 25; June 19
- New Teacher Academy: July 28 – Aug 1
- Combination Teacher Workday/Professional Learning (PL) Day: Aug 4, 6, 7, 11 & 12
- Pre-Service PL Day: Aug 5 & 8
- First Day of School for Students: Aug 13
- Reserved for a combination of mandatory training, teacher work time, and division or school-based PL (no school for students): Sept 26; Oct 14; Nov 3 (Making Connections); Feb 17; March 19
- End of Quarter: Oct 10; Dec 18; March 13; May 29
- Full-Day Teacher Workday (no school for students): Oct 13; Dec 19; Feb 16; March 20; June 1
- Family Conference Window: October 13-31 (fall); March 2-20 (spring)
- Flex Teacher Workday (family conferences; no school for students): Nov 4
- Last Day of School (half-day for students): afternoon reserved for Teacher Workday: May 29
- Last Day of Work for Teachers: June 1

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Specific Points to the Proposed 2026-2027 Calendar

- Keeps Spring Break on the first full week in April
- Clusters PL & Work days to decrease four day weeks
- Maintains two-week Winter Break
- Provides flexibility for Fall & Spring Family Conferences
- Maintains overall consistency between the 2025-2026 & CCS

Recommendations from the Committee

1. Adopt the Proposed Calendar for 2026-2027

Motion

Approve the proposed calendar
for the 2026-2027 school year?

