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WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS APPROVES 2024/2025 CALENDAR



At the February 1st board meeting, the Washington County School District approved the school calendar for the 2024/2025 school year. This approval was in response to employee input. School district employees were given 4 options and provided a window to vote for their option. There were sufficient votes for each option, with no option being overwhelmingly preferred.

Consequently, a hybrid version for the 2024/2025 year was developed for presentation to the Board for approval. All options provided students and staff with limited instructional disruption and a focus on student achievement.







Expecting students to excel in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

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The school district has also highlighted its investment in their instructional staff by including 10 professional learning days in the year. Superintendent Harden recommended that two of the traditional professional learning days become Asynchronous Learning days. While students are participating in an at-home learning model, staff will participate in a joint training and instructional support day. District IT and Digital Learning staff will support virtual learning capabilities by using these days to further develop, test, and implement student focused digital technologies.

Additionally, IT staff will ensure that school level technology is functioning as required to allow teachers and school staff to virtually deliver instruction to students. These Asynchronous Learning days will allow students to better prepare for digital learning days and will provide staff the time to focus on their own digital teaching skills in an individualized way.

"Over the past few years, Virtual Learning Days have become the norm when school districts are unable to conduct school in the usual face-to-face manner. We strive to ensure that our digital learning model be as robust as possible. As a Strategic Waiver District, we are pleased to be able to introduce this innovative approach to the continued development of our students' technology skills while at the same time investing in our own skills to deliver instruction through digital means. It is important that we continue to be prepared to transition between learning models, if necessary," Harden stated.

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Superintendent Harden also announced that the first day of preplanning for the 2024/2025 year will be a self-directed professional learning day. Schools will be open for teachers and staff who wish to work on campus. In addition, several on-line professional development options will be available for those who choose to remotely access learning opportunities.

The calendar maintains 180 days of instruction for students and adheres to state requirements. The approved calendar is on the next page of this release.

2024/25 Calendar

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Professional Development Days - Teachers Only

Asynchronous Learning Days - Students & Staff

School Begins - First Day of Semester for Students

End of 9 Week Period

School Holiday - Students & Staff

End 1st Semester - Early Release for Students

School Ends -Early Release for Students

= Number of Instructional Days in Month ## = Number of Staff Days in Month

Activity	Date	Month Ends
Pre Planning	July 26-July 31	
First Day of School	August 1	
Labor Day Holiday	September 2	August 28
Asynchronous Learning Day	September 13	
End 1st 9 Weeks (49 Days)	October 10	September 26
Professional Learning Day	October 11	
Columbus Day Holiday	October 14	
Fall Break	October 15-18	
Begin 2nd 9 Weeks	October 21	November 1
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25-29	December 6
End 2nd 9 Weeks (40 Days)	December 20	
End First Semester (89 Days)	December 20 - Early Release	
Winter Break	December 23-January 3	
Professional Learning Day	January 6	
Begin 2nd Semester	January 7	
MLK Holiday	January 20	January 21
Asynchronous Learning Day	February 14	
President's Day Holiday	February 17	February 19
End 3rd 9 Weeks (46 Days)	March 13	
Professional Learning Day	March 14	
Begin 4th 9 Weeks	March 17	March 20
Spring Break	April 7-11	April 24
Graduation	May 17	
End 4th 9 Weeks (45 Days)	May 22	
End 2nd Semester (91 Days)	May 22	
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Post Planning	May 23	