



# ***The Nassau County School District***

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## **2018 – 2019 NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

The Nassau County School Board approved the school calendar for 2018-2019 during its February 8, 2018 meeting. The calendar sets the first day of school as August 10<sup>th</sup> and the last day as May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Development of the calendar began in late November with a meeting of stakeholders, which included teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. Stakeholders gave feedback regarding their top priorities for consideration in the development of the school calendar. One of the most critical parameters in developing the school calendar is the state statute mandating school districts may not begin the school year before August 10<sup>th</sup>. The state statute restricting the school start date means the options for student holidays during the first semester are limited. Therefore, taking the entire week of Thanksgiving off for student/teacher holidays is not possible for 2018-2019.

Following the stakeholders' meeting the district leadership's calendar committee met with the Nassau Teachers' Association (NTA) calendar committee. The same information distributed at the stakeholders' meeting was discussed with the representatives from NTA. NTA calendar committee members shared their priorities for consideration in development of the calendar.

The district leadership's calendar committee considered input gathered from the stakeholders' meeting and NTA's calendar committee meeting to develop three options for the 2018-2019 calendar. A link for voting was placed on the district's website and on FOCUS (the district's

student information system). Stakeholders were allowed to vote for their top two choices. Voting concluded on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Option B was the first choice for 59% of voters and was recommended to the Board for approval.

Here are a few highlights of the new calendar:

- The calendar includes four additional, half-days for students (one each nine week grading period) to allow for additional teacher planning time. Budget restrictions over the past 10 years have resulted in a decrease in school staff, which limits the time during the school day for teacher planning.
- For the last two years schools have closed due to severe weather (hurricanes) during the first semester. Weather make-up days are included in both the first semester and second semester.
- Thanksgiving Break is November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Winter Break is December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>. (Teachers return to school on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and students return on January 8<sup>th</sup>.)
- Spring Break is March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## 2018 - 2019

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- F/L** = First/Last Day of School/Semester
- P** = Teacher Planning Day
- E** = End of Grading Period
- = 1/2 Day for Students
- \*** = Early Dismissal Day
- C** = District Office Closed
- H** = School Holiday - No school for students or teachers

- Progress Reports Issued
- Report Cards Issued
- May 24 (Elementary)
- June 3 (Secondary)

**Severe Weather Make-Up Days**

1st Semester - 9/3, 9/14, 10/15, 11/12, 11/20, 11/21  
 2nd Semester - 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 2/18

**260 Day Personnel**

Paid Holidays: 7/4, 9/3, 11/22, 11/23, 12/24, 12/25, 1/1, 3/21, 3/22  
 District Office Closed - Leave Required: 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 12/31