

**AEA School Calendar**

1/31/14

The Cobb County Board of Education (Board) shall adopt a two-year school year calendar, specifying the opening and closing of school, holidays, teacher workdays and other dates deemed important to the operation of the Cobb County School District (District). The District school year calendar shall be developed to comply with state law, State Board of Education policy, and accreditation requirements. Within these legal requirements, the calendar shall be designed to first meet the educational needs of students and secondly the planning and training requirements of teachers, while taking into consideration, to the extent possible, other concerns of the community.

**A. DEVELOPMENT**

The District's two-year school calendar shall be approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Superintendent. This recommendation will follow the completion of calendar development procedures established by the Superintendent and his staff and will be presented to the Board by the October Work Session prior to the start of each two-year cycle.

**B. SCHOOL YEAR LENGTH**

The length of the school year shall be as follows:

1. The District's school year shall consist of a minimum of 180 days or its equivalent for students exclusive of holidays;
2. Teachers shall work accordance with the provisions of Administrative Rule GCL (Work Day/Work Week) and in accordance with the specified days in their contract;
3. Certificated professional personnel new to the District will be required to attend New Teacher Orientation in accordance with Administrative Rule GBC (Staff Compensation).

**C. HOLIDAYS**

1. Holidays shall be declared by the Board and designated when the District's school year calendar is adopted;
2. Holidays shall consist of the following as a minimum:
  - a. Labor Day;
  - b. Wednesday through Friday of Thanksgiving week;
  - c. Winter holidays to include Christmas and New Year;
  - d. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
  - e. Spring holidays, which shall be scheduled to coincide with other metropolitan Atlanta school districts; and
  - f. Memorial Day.

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Distribution of federal funds; summer school programs; year-round operation  
School Day and School Year for Students and Employees