

# REGULATION

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Related Entries:** IB

**Responsible Office:** COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the development of the annual Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) school calendar for students and employees in order to support the effective delivery of the instructional program within the parameters set by State law and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR).

#### B. BACKGROUND

State law establishes requirements for public schools to be open for pupil attendance. AACPS shall be open for pupil attendance in accordance with State Law and COMAR.

#### C. PROCEDURES

1. The Calendar Committee shall be established each year for the purpose of recommending a school calendar or school calendars for students and employees for the next school year to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board).
  - a. The Superintendent shall appoint a facilitator for this committee. The Superintendent may appoint additional staff or others to the committee.
  - b. The committee will have two representatives from each of the following stakeholder groups:
    - i. Parent Teacher Association (PTA);
    - ii. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC);
    - iii. Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County (TAAAC);
    - iv. Association of Educational Leaders (AEL);
    - v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1693 (AFSCME);

- vi. Secretaries and Assistants Association of Anne Arundel County (SAAAAC);  
and
  - vii. Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC).
2. The facilitator of the Calendar Committee shall present a proposed calendar for the committee to consider. The committee may modify the proposed calendar.
  3. The Calendar Committee shall build in extra days to the school calendar for emergency closings as required by COMAR. Any days not used for emergency closings shall be deducted from the end of the school year. If additional days are needed to compensate for emergency closings, the number will be added to the end of the school year.
  4. The calendar or calendars recommended by the Calendar Committee shall denote days of religious or cultural significance on which tests and examinations may not be scheduled or administered. Athletic activities and practices shall be adjusted as necessary to account for days of religious and cultural significance.
  5. The Committee shall concur by consensus to any school calendars recommended to the Board for consideration.

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**Legal References:** Sections 7-103 and 7-103.2 of the Education Article, Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.02.01.04 *Length of School Year*