

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: N/A

Responsible Office: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIVISION OF SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS, OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

WORK DAYS – HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

A. PURPOSE

To establish scheduled holidays and observances when schools in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) shall be closed.

B. ISSUE

State law provides that certain days are public school holidays and public schools in Maryland shall be closed on these days and any other days designated by the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) through the school calendar.

C. POSITION

1. Schools shall be closed for holidays as mandated by State law and any other days deemed appropriate by the Board as designated in the Board's approved school calendar.
2. School offices, central office, and satellite offices shall be closed on days deemed appropriate by the Board as designated in the Board's approved school calendar.
3. The following classified employees may not work when the schools are closed for holidays:
 - a. Food service employees;
 - b. Teacher assistants;
 - c. School vehicle drivers;
 - d. School vehicle assistants; and
 - e. School clerical, technical, and secretarial employees.

4. The Superintendent may determine that the Central Office close early for certain conditions. Non-scheduled holidays may be declared at the discretion of the Superintendent.
5. Schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises or observations for the following days:
 - a. Washington’s Birthday;
 - b. Lincoln’s Birthday;
 - c. Veterans’ Day;
 - d. Columbus Day;
 - e. Arbor Day;
 - f. Black History Month, with emphasis on Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass and the contributions they made in the fight against slavery; and
 - g. Any other day of national significance.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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Legal Reference: Section 7-103 of the Education Article