

# School Calendar Information

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CURRITUCK COUNTY SCHOOLS



Why can't we just add a day onto the end of the year?

Can we go to school on Saturday?

Isn't there a way to waive our missed days?

Why are there so many workdays?

Can we use a holiday as a make-up day?

## School Calendar Law Summary

NC General Statute 115C-84.2 sets the parameters for establishing a school calendar. In summary, the following conditions must be met:

- Each local board of education shall adopt a school calendar consisting of **215 days for 10 month employees**. There must be a **42 day break** in service for staff from one year to the next.
- A minimum of **185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction** covering at least nine calendar months. If school is **closed early** due to inclement weather, the day and the scheduled amount of instructional hours **may count** towards the required minimum to the extent allowed by State Board policy. The school calendar shall include a plan for making up days and instructional hours missed when schools are not opened due to inclement weather. *(So early dismissal days may still count as full days.)*
- A minimum of **10 annual vacation leave days**. *(Designated as AL days on the calendar.)*
- The **same or an equivalent number of legal holidays** occurring within the school calendar as those **designated by the State Human Resources Commission for State employees**. (<https://oshr.nc.gov/state-employee-resources/benefits/leave/holidays>)
- The opening date for students shall be **no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26**, and the **closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11**.

\*On a showing of good cause, a local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations. *(CCS has had 2 years in the last 8 that meet this criteria.)*

Districts are mandated to use the restrictions outlined above to create academic calendars. A sample of the template used is below if you would like to give it a try.

## 2018-19 Blank Academic Calendar

July						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August						
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December						
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February						
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March						
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June						
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First day of school can be no earlier than August 27<sup>th</sup> for students.  
 Must have 10 AL days.  
 Must have @ least 9 Workdays for Teachers.  
 School has to end by June 7<sup>th</sup> for students.

Must have 185 days or 1025 instructional hour for students.  
 Must have 215 days for staff.

Semester 1 # of days=      Semester 2 # of days=      Total=  
 Instructional Hours=

## Calendar Flexibility

School districts across North Carolina have lobbied state legislators to allow for more calendar flexibility, especially in terms of start and end dates.

As more students at the secondary level participate in dual enrollment at local community colleges, districts realize the need to align calendars.

Take the scenario below as an example:

A High School Junior or Senior is enrolled in ENG 111 at College of the Albemarle for the Fall Semester. COA's fall semester begins on August 20th- a week before traditional high schools can begin school for students. This and every other dual enrolled student has to pick up textbooks, complete orientation, and attend classes at the community college before high school opens. The change of the semesters between fall and spring compounds the issue when the same dual enrolled student finishes Fall Semester college classes in early December, begins new Spring Semester college classes in early January, and has to wait to complete regular Fall Semester high school classes in late January.

In addition, districts support calendar flexibility so that schools finish the first semester, including exams, prior to winter break and start a fresh semester after the break with no interruption to learning as a result of the winter break.

Some districts in the state are not waiting for the state to grant calendar flexibility. Nash Rocky Mount Schools recently released a draft 2018-19 calendar that added minutes to the school day as well as unbalanced semesters in an effort to finish the first semester before winter break. More info on the Nash-Rocky Mount calendar proposal can be found by clicking the link below.

Nash-Rocky Mount Calendar 2018-19

[www.nrms.k12.nc.us/Page/2#calendar1/20180226/month](http://www.nrms.k12.nc.us/Page/2#calendar1/20180226/month)

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