

## **Recommendations**

At the conclusion of the last official meeting, the Calendar Committee recommended a calendar for the 2015-2016 school year that contains the following features:

- 180 days of instruction – 87 in first semester and 93 in second semester
- First day of school for students – Monday, August 10, 2015
- 190 teacher-contract days including one evening workday comprised of four conference nights during the year as scheduled by each local school (Each conference night is two hours.)
- 5 teacher workdays before the first day of school – August 3, 2015 – August 7, 2015
- Holidays for all – Labor Day, Columbus Day, Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day, and President's Day
- Professional Development Day – October 9, 2015
- Thanksgiving break – November 23-27, 2015
- Conclude first semester December 18, 2015 to prevent students from taking final exams or state-mandated tests at the beginning of second semester
- Winter break – December 21, 2015 – January 1, 2016
- Post planning first semester/Pre-planning second semester – January 4, 2016
- First day of second semester – January 5, 2016
- February Break – February 12, 2016
- Professional Development Day – March 11, 2016
- Inclement Weather Day – April 1, 2016
- Spring Break – April 4-8, 2016 (coincides with most metro area districts)
- Last day of school for students – May 26, 2016
- Post planning second semester – May 27, 2016

## DeKalb County School System 2015-2016 District-wide Calendar **Proposed**

| JULY 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12        | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19        | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26        | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

**3 Independence Day Observed**  
**4 Independence Day**

| JANUARY 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24           | 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

**1 New Year's Day/Last Day of Winter Break**  
**4 Teacher Planning Day**  
**5 First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**  
**18 Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day**

| AUGUST 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|             |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2           | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16          | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

**3-7 Pre-Planning Days**  
**10 First Day of School**

| FEBRUARY 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28            | 29 |    |    |    |    |    |

**12 February Break**  
**15 President's Day**

| SEPTEMBER 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S              | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|                |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6              | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13             | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

**7 Labor Day**

| MARCH 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|            |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6          | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27         | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

**11 Professional Development Day**

| OCTOBER 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|              |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

**9 Professional Development Day**  
**12 Columbus Day**

| APRIL 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|            |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3          | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24         | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

**1 Inclement Weather Day**  
**4-8 Metro Spring Break**

| NOVEMBER 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
| 1             | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

**11 Veterans Day**  
**23- 27 Thanksgiving Break**

| MAY 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
| 1        | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8        | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15       | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22       | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29       | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

**26 Last Day of School**  
**27 Post-Planning Day**  
**30 Memorial Day**

| DECEMBER 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S             | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

**18 Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> semester**  
**21-31 Winter Break**

87 Days

| JUNE 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | S  |
|           |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5         | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12        | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19        | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26        | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |

**1 Teacher Workday/Professional Development Day**  
**2 Schools Closed**  
**3 First and Last Day of Semester**  
**4 Inclement Weather Day**

93 Days

## Calendar Overview

| Calendar Attributes  | 2014-2015 Calendar  | 2015-2016 Proposed Calendar                      |
|--|---|--|
| Pre-planning   | August 4-8, 2014  | August 3-7, 2015                                 |
| First day of school  | August 11, 2014   | August 10, 2015                                  |
| Labor Day  | September 1, 2014   | September 7, 2015                                |
| October Teacher Workday/Professional Development Day                             | October 13, 2014  | October 9, 2015                                  |
| Columbus Day   | October 13, 2014<br><b>(Observed as Professional Development Day)</b> | October 12, 2015<br><b>(Observed as Holiday)</b> |
| Thanksgiving break   | November 24-28, 2014  | November 23-27, 2015                             |
| Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester   | December 19, 2014   | December 18, 2015                                |
| December winter break  | December 22, 2014 –<br>January 2, 2015                                | December 21, 2015 –<br>January 1, 2016           |
| Post planning 1 <sup>st</sup> semester/<br>Pre-planning 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester | January 5, 2015<br>(Teacher Workday)                                  | January 4, 2016<br>(Teacher Workday)             |
| First day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester  | January 6, 2015   | January 5, 2016                                  |
| Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day  | January 19, 2015  | January 18, 2016                                 |
| February Break   | NA  | February 12, 2016                                |
| President's Day  | February 16, 2015   | February 15, 2016                                |
| Professional Learning Day  | NA  | March 11, 2016                                   |
| Inclement Weather Day  | NA  | April 1, 2016                                    |
| Spring break   | April 6-10, 2015  | April 4-8, 2016                                  |
| Last day of school   | May 22, 2015  | May 26, 2016                                     |
| Post planning Day  | May 26-27, 2015   | May 27, 2016                                     |
| # of days 1 <sup>st</sup> semester   | 88  | 87   |
| # of days 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester   | 92  | 93   |
| Total # of school days   | 180   | 180  |

**2015-2016 Calendar Committee – Metro Calendars  
At time of Committee Meeting**

| District      | # of student days | # teacher days | Teacher Start Date | Students Start Date | Teacher End Date | Students End Date | Spring Break | Fall Break    | BOE-approved calendars | Inclement Weather     |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gwinnett      | 180               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Fulton        | 177               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| DeKalb        | 180               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Cobb          | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/25              | 4/4 – 4/8    | 9/21-9/25     | Posted                 |                       |
| APS           | 180               | 190            | 7/28               | 8/5                 | 5/26             | 5/25              | 4/4<br>4/8   | 10/9<br>10/12 | Posted                 |                       |
| Marietta City | 178               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Cherokee      | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/26              | 4/4 - 4/8    | 9/21-9/25     | Posted                 | Feb. 17-19            |
| Douglas       | 180               | 190            | 7/29               | 8/5                 | 5/26             | 5/20              | 4/4-4/8      | 10/9-10/12    | Not Posted             |                       |
| Clayton       | 175               | 185            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Decatur City  | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/27              | 4/4 – 4/8    | 9/14-9/18     | Posted                 | Feb. 15-17 & March 14 |

**2015-2016 Calendar Committee – Metro Calendars  
Current**

| District      | # of student days | # teacher days | Teacher Start Date | Students Start Date | Teacher End Date | Students End Date | Spring Break | Fall Break    | BOE-approved calendars | Inclement Weather     |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gwinnett      | 180               | 190            | 8/3                | 8/10                | 6/1              | 5/25              | 4/4 - 4/8    |               | Posted                 | 2/15, 3/11, 4/1       |
| Fulton        | 177               | 190            | 8/4                | 8/10                | 6/1              | 5/26              | 4/4 - 4/8    |               | Posted                 |                       |
| DeKalb        | 180               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Cobb          | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/25              | 4/4 - 4/8    | 9/21-9/25     | Posted                 |                       |
| APS           | 180               | 190            | 7/28               | 8/5                 | 5/26             | 5/25              | 4/4<br>4/8   | 10/9<br>10/12 | Posted                 |                       |
| Marietta City | 178               | 190            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Cherokee      | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/26              | 4/4 - 4/8    | 9/21-9/25     | Posted                 | Feb. 17-19            |
| Douglas       | 180               | 190            | 7/29               | 8/5                 | 5/26             | 5/20              | 4/4-4/8      | 10/9-10/12    | Posted                 |                       |
| Clayton       | 175               | 185            |                    |                     |                  |                   |              |               | Not Posted             |                       |
| Decatur City  | 180               | 190            | 7/27               | 8/3                 | 6/1              | 5/27              | 4/4 - 4/8    | 9/14-9/18     | Posted                 | Feb. 15-17 & March 14 |