

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

November 12, 2019

SUBJECT:

Proposed Calendar for 2020-2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The administration prepares a new calendar each year for Board approval. Policy ICA provides guidance in the development of the school calendar and was last revised on January 12, 2016

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The district calendar committee which consist of the past three years Teacher of the Year and past three years Principal of the year winners were provided three calendar options to review for the 2020-2021 school year. On October 22, 2019 the committee met to discuss the details of the three options and provide feedback. After reviewing all three options and taking feedback, the committee made minor adjustments and created option 4. The committee agrees that Calendar option 4 is the most reasonable option for the 2020-2021 school year. This option also complies with the state law, which sets the start of classes for students no earlier than the third Monday in August.

The calendar calls for teachers to return August 10, 2020, the first day for students is August 17, 2020, and it allows first semester exams to be administered prior to winter recess. The calendar has three built-in weather days; two unassigned days (April 1st & June 7th) and one which falls on a district holiday (Good Friday). There are five Early Dismissal Days assigned to the 4th Wednesday of designated months. The last day for students is scheduled Thursday, June 3, 2021 and the last day for teachers on Friday, June 4, 2021 unless a weather make up is required. The calendar will be posted on the ACPSD website and individual school websites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve proposed calendar option 4 for 2020-2021.

ATTACHMENT:

Recommended Calendar Option 4 for 2020-2021
Copy of Calendar Options 1,2 & 3
Policy ICA – School Calendar

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Policy ICA School Calendar

Issued 1/16

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the school calendar.

The superintendent will prepare the school calendar for the ensuing school year and present it for board approval by the spring of each year.

The school calendar will be developed in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The calendar will contain a minimum of 180 instructional days for students and a minimum of 190 days for teachers.
- Classes will begin no later than the fourth Monday in August.
- The calendar will include a minimum of five in-service days and a minimum of five teacher workdays.
 - At least two in-service days will be scheduled before school starts.
 - At least two teacher workdays will be scheduled before school starts and one workday or in-service day will be scheduled after each nine-week reporting period when possible.

Holidays

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a holiday for students and employees.

Whenever feasible, the winter break will include two weeks for students and employees.

Spring break for students and employees will include five days in the week before the second Sunday in April (or at such period as recommended by the superintendent to the board of education as circumstances require).

When a holiday occurs on Saturday, it will be recognized on the Friday preceding the holiday. When a holiday occurs on Sunday, it will be recognized on the Monday following the holiday.

The following are holidays for 12-month employees:

- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- General (National) Election Day
- Thanksgiving Day, the day before, and the day after
- Winter Holidays
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Spring Holidays (five days)
- Good Friday (except in days when occurring during Spring Holidays)
- Memorial Day

Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up as determined by the school calendar.

Teacher in-service/workdays will be used as needed (teachers will make up in-service/workdays by lengthening school days by no less than one hour per day or by use of Saturdays, as approved by the principal).

The proposed calendar will be submitted to the board no later than the spring of each year. Any changes to the calendar not provided for within this policy will require the approval of the board.

Adopted 1974; Revised 3/27/90, 2/26/91, 2/9/93, 1/11/00, 6/27/00, 1/8/02, 3/9/04, 1/12/16

Legal references:

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

[Section 59-19-90\(12\)](#) - General powers and duties of board; establish an annual calendar.

[Section 59-1-370](#) - Closing of educational institutions on general election day.

[Section 59-1-425](#) - School terms, school days, make-up days

2020-2021 Aiken Co. Schools Calendar Option 4

July 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			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	

- July**
- 6 Observance of 4th Of July (12 month Staff)

August 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- August**
- 10 School Professional Development Day
 - 11 Teacher Workday
 - 12 One Team/E2 Conf.
 - 13 School Professional Development Day
 - 14 Teacher Workday
 - 17 First Day of School

September 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		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			

- September**
- 7 Labor Day Holiday (Students and Staff)
 - 17 Interim Reports Issued
 - 23 Early Dismissal - District PD

October 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				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

- October**
- 19 Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 20 End of the 1st Nine Weeks
 - 29 Report Cards Issued
 - 28 Early Dismissal- Teacher

November 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	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				

- November**
- 3 Election Day (No School Students & Staff)
 - 24 Interim Reports Issued
 - 25-27 Thanksgiving Holidays

December 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		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		

- December**
- 16-18 Semester Exams
 - 18 Last Day of Class(1/2 day for Students)
 - 21- 1/21 Winter Break

January 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- January**
- 4 Teacher Workday
 - 5 Students Return from Winter Break
 - 12 End of the 1st Semester
 - 15 District Professional Development Day
 - 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 - 21 Report Cards Issued
 - 27 Early Dismissal Teacher

February 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	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
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- February**
- 15 Presidents' Day Holiday
 - 24 Early Dismissal - Teacher
 - 25 Interim Reports Issued

March 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- March**
- 19 Teacher Workday
 - 23 End of the 3rd Nine Weeks
 - 24 Early Dismissal District PD
 - 31 Report Cards Issued

April 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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- April**
- 1 Weather Day make up
 - 2 Good Friday Holiday (Weather Makeup if Spring Break (Students & Staff)
 - 5-9 Spring Break (Students & Staff)

May 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- May**
- 5 Interim Reports Issued
 - 31 Memorial Day Holiday (Students & Staff)

June 2021						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		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
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- June**
- 1 Semester Exams
 - 2-3 Semester Exams (1/2 day for Students)
 - 3 Last Day of School
 - 3-4 Graduation Dates
 - 4 Teacher Workday
 - 7 Weather Day make up
 - 11 Report Cards Issued