Howard County Public Schools (HCPSS) Calendar 2026–27

Breaks, closures, early dismissals, first day and last scheduled day, Howard County, Maryland

15 weekdays of scheduled breaks

13 student holidays (weekdays)

8 early-release days

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	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					

24 K-12 students' first day

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	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 Schools and offices closed
21 Schools and offices closed
30 Early dismissal, 3 hours

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	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

16 Closed for students, staff workday
28 Closed for students, staff day

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	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					

3 Schools and offices closed
23 Early dismissal, 3 hours
24 Early dismissal, 3 hours
25 Closed for students, conferences
26–27 Thanksgiving, schools closed

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	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 Early dismissal, 3 hours
24–31 Winter Break

January 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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						

1 Winter Break
18 Schools and offices closed
19 Closed for students, staff workday

February 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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						

3 Closed for students, staff day
15 Schools and offices closed

March 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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 Closed for students, staff day
22–29 Spring Break

April 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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	

8 Early dismissal, 3 hours

May 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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)					

17 Early dismissal, 3 hours
31 Memorial Day, closed

June 2027

S	M	T	W	T	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			

2 Early dismissal, 3 hours
7 Early dismissal, may become a full day
8 Last scheduled day, early dismissal
18 Schools and offices closed

Weekdays with no school, by month



Key

- **8** First day
- **8** Last day
- **8** Break (no school)
- (8) Student holiday
- 8 Early release

Not yet confirmed

Inclement weather days June 9-16, 2027: The calendar says they "may be used as inclement weather days"; whether any become school days is not known

My family's dates

Conferences _____

Picture day _____

Source: Howard County Public School System, 2026-2027 School Year Key Dates (PDF) and HCPSS News, July 2026 calendar adjustments.