

# HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ CALENDAR

## 2026



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## 2027

|             |                                                       |                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     |          |           |          |          |          |           |                |                                            |                                                        |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>JULY</b> |                                                       | <b>JULY 2026</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          | <b>JANUARY 2027</b> |          |           |          |          |          |           | <b>JANUARY</b> |                                            |                                                        |
| <b>3</b>    | Independence Day Observed<br>(Schools/Offices closed) | <b>S</b>         | <b>M</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>S</b> | <b>S</b>            | <b>M</b> | <b>T</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>S</b>  | <b>1</b>       | New Year's Day<br>(Schools/Offices Closed) |                                                        |
|             |                                                       |                  |          |          |          | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4                   |          |           |          |          | 1        | 2         |                |                                            |                                                        |
|             |                                                       | 5                | 6        | 7        | 8        | 9        | 10       | 11       |                     | 3        | 4         | 5        | 6        | 7        | 8         | 9              | <b>18</b>                                  | Martin Luther King, Jr Day<br>(Schools/Offices closed) |
|             |                                                       | 12               | 13       | 14       | 15       | 16       | 17       | 18       |                     | 10       | 11        | 12       | 13       | 14       | 15        | 16             |                                            |                                                        |
|             |                                                       | 19               | 20       | 21       | 22       | 23       | 24       | 25       |                     | 17       | <b>18</b> | 19       | 20       | 21       | <b>22</b> | 23             | <b>22</b>                                  | Professional Learning (No School)                      |
|             |                                                       | 26               | 27       | 28       | 29       | 30       | 31       |          |                     | 24       | 25        | 26       | 27       | 28       | 29        | 30             |                                            |                                                        |
|             |                                                       |                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |                     | 31       |           |          |          |          |           |                |                                            |                                                        |

| **AUGUST** | | **AUGUST 2026** | | | | | | | **FEBRUARY 2027** | | | | | | | **FEBRUARY** | |
| **17** | Teacher Prep |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | **15** | Professional Learning / Faculty Senate (No School) |
| **18** | Professional Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |  |
| **19** | Professional Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14 | **15** | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |  |
| **20** | Professional Meeting / Faculty Senate | 16 | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |  |  |
| **21** | Professional Learning | 23 | **24** | 25 | 26 | **27** | 28 | 29 | 28 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **24** | First Day of School for Grades 1-12 | 30 | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **27** | First Day for Kindergarten |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **SEPTEMBER** | | **SEPTEMBER 2026** | | | | | | | **MARCH 2027** | | | | | | | **MARCH** | |
| **1** | First Day for Pre-K |  |  | **1** | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | **26** | Professional Learning (No School) |
| **7** | Labor Day (Schools/Offices closed) | 6 | **7** | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | **29-31** | Out of Calendar (No School) |
|  |  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |  |  |
|  |  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 21 | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | 27 |  |  |
|  |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  | 28 | **29** | **30** | **31** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **OCTOBER** | | **OCTOBER 2026** | | | | | | | **APRIL 2027** | | | | | | | **APRIL** | |
| **2** | Professional Learning / Faculty Senate (No School) |  |  |  |  | 1 | **2** | 3 |  |  |  |  | **1** | **2** | 3 | **1** | Out of Calendar (No School) |
| **5** | Teacher-Parent-Pupil Conferences (No School) | 4 | **5** | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 4 | **5** | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | **2** | Out of Calendar (No School) |
|  |  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | **5** | Professional Learning / Faculty Senate (No School) |
|  |  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |  |  |
|  |  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |
| **NOVEMBER** | | **NOVEMBER 2026** | | | | | | | **MAY 2027** | | | | | | | **MAY** | |
| **3** | Election Day | 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | **31** | Memorial Day (Schools/Offices closed) |
| **11** | Veteran's Day (Schools/Offices closed) | 8 | 9 | 10 | **11** | 12 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |  |
| **23-25** | Out of Calendar (No School) | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |
| **26** | Thanksgiving (Schools/Offices closed) | 22 | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | 28 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |  |  |
| **27** | Outside School Environment (No School) | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  | 23 | **24** | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30 | **31** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **DECEMBER** | | **DECEMBER 2026** | | | | | | | **JUNE 2027** | | | | | | | **JUNE** | |
| **18** | Professional Learning / Faculty Senate (No School) |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | **4** | 5 | **4** | Faculty Senate - 2-hour Early Dismissal |
| **21-31** | Holiday Break begins (No School) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 6 | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | 12 | **7-11** | Outside School Environment (No School) |
| **25** | Christmas (Schools/Offices closed) | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | **18** | 19 | 13 | **14** | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | **14** | Teacher Prep Day (No Students) |
|  |  | 20 | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | 20 | **21** | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | **21** | WV Day Observance (Offices Closed) |
|  |  | 27 | **28** | **29** | **30** | **31** |  |  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |

### CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

In case of inclement weather or other emergency conditions which may require closing of school, announcements giving that information will be broadcast on the following stations: WTOV-TV and WTRF-TV. Thrillshare, an automated phone calling system, will call parents regarding school closures, dismissals, and emergency situations. Notifications are also available through the Hancock County Schools' App and Facebook page. If you do not receive a call, please contact your child's school to update contact information.

| PHONE DIRECTORY                                             |              |              |                   |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICES – 304.564.3411                   |              |              | SCHOOLS           |              |              |
| TITLE                                                       | PHONE        | FAX          | ELEMENTARY        | PHONE        | FAX          |
| Superintendent                                              | Ext. 3302    | 304.564.9034 | A. T. Allison     | 304.387.1915 | 304.387.2114 |
| Professional Personnel Office                               | Ext. 3306    | 304.564.9034 | New Manchester    | 304.564.3242 | 304.564.5084 |
| Director of Federal Programs, Student Services & Assessment | Ext. 3324    | 304.564.9028 | Weirton           | 304.748.8370 |              |
| Director of Special Programs & Pre-K                        | Ext. 3317    | 304.564.9028 | MIDDLE            | PHONE        | FAX          |
| Director of Finance                                         | Ext. 3311    | 304.564.5690 | Oak Glen Middle   | 304.387.2363 | 304.387.4624 |
| Director of Technology                                      | Ext. 3305    | 304.564.9034 | Weir Middle       | 304.748.6080 | 304.748.0847 |
| Director of Career Technical & Adult Education              | 304.564.3337 | 304.564.4058 | HIGH              | PHONE        | FAX          |
| Director of Supplemental Services & Transportation          | 304.564.3156 | 304.564.3690 | Oak Glen HS       | 304.387.2063 | 304.387.2079 |
| Director of Facilities & Maintenance                        | 304.564.4615 | 304.564.4636 | Weir HS           | 304.748.7600 | 304.748.7602 |
| Director of Child Nutrition                                 | 304.748.6870 | 304.748.6075 | CTE               | PHONE        | FAX          |
|                                                             |              |              | JDR Career Center | 304.564.3337 | 304.564.4058 |

### **2026-2027 ASSESSMENT DATES**

| GRADE | TEST           | DATES                             |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3-8   | ELPA 21        | February 9, 2027 – March 19, 2027 |
| 3-8   | DLM            | April 5, 2027 – May 14, 2027      |
| 3-8   | WV GSA         | April 26, 2027 – May 28, 2027     |
| 11    | SAT School Day | April 5, 2027 – April 18, 2027    |

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### **HEALTH SCREENING / WELLNESS CHECK**

Hancock county Schools conducts an annual speech, language, hearing, vision, and dental screening. The screening is completed at all public elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

**According to the West Virginia Department of Education regulations, those students to be screened shall include:**

- All students entering school for the first time in West Virginia
- Students entering kindergarten who did not participate in the pre-enrollment screening programs
- Students considered at high risk for potential problems in hearing, vision, speech, and language
- Students in at least one other grade level for potential hearing and vision problems.

Additionally, students who were on a developmental retest list from the previous year and teacher referrals will be screened.

Any parent who does not wish to have his or her child screened must submit a written request to the Hancock County Schools Student Service Department, P.O. Box 1300, New Cumberland, WV 26047, or call 304.564.3411, extension 3324, during regular business hours.

Fall of 2026, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will need:

- Annual Health Check / physical examination from a doctor or medical provider, dental examination from a dentist; and already required adolescent vaccinations (Tdap and Meningitis shots).

### **NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act and Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice (40 CFR Part 763), we must, annually, advise all personnel and citizens that the individual school asbestos management plans are available at the Office of the Board of Education, P.O. Box 1300, New Cumberland, WV 26047, and at the office of each individual school. These plans are available for review during regular office hours at each location. For more information or questions regarding these plans, please call the Maintenance Department at 304.564.4615.

### **DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED**

As required by federal laws and regulations, the Hancock county Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, surname, language-minority status, handicapping condition, age, or national origin in employment and in the administration of any of its education programs and activities. Inquiries may be referred to Director of Personnel, Jennifer Marchese, Title VI and IX Coordinator, Hancock County Board of Education Office, P.O. Box 1300, New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047, phone 304.564.3411; or Erica Sauer, Section 504 Coordinator, Hancock County Board of Education, P.O. Box 1300, New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047, phone 304.564.3411.

Educational programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. Some key issue areas in which recipients have Title IX obligations are: recruitment, admissions, and counseling; financial assistance; athletics; sex-based harassment; treatment of pregnant and parenting students; discipline; single-sex education; and employment. Also, a recipient may not retaliate against any person for opposing an unlawful educational practice of policy, or made charges, testified or participated in any complaint action under Title IX. For a recipient to retaliate in any way is considered a violation of Title IX. The ED Title IX regulations (Volume 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 106) provide additional information about the forms of discrimination prohibited by Title IX.