

# BCSD 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar

Days of the Week	Dates	Events
Thursday - Tuesday	August 7 -12	Teachers Return and Staff Development
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
Friday	August 29	1/2 Day Students; 1/2 Day Staff Development
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 1</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
Friday	September 12	Progress Reports
Oct. 10- End of Q1		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>Teacher Workday/Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day</b>
Friday	October 17	Report Cards
Friday	November 21	Progress Reports
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>November 24-28</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>
Dec. 19 - End of Q2		
Friday	December 19	1/2 Day for Students and Teachers
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>December 22 - January 2</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>Teacher Workday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>Students Return</b>
Friday	January 9	Report Cards
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>MLK Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)</b>
Friday	February 6	Progress Reports
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>District Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)</b>
Mar. 13 - End of Q3		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>Teacher Workday</b>
Friday	March 20	Report Cards
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	<b>Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day</b>
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>April 6 - 10</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
Friday	April 24	Progress Reports
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
June 1 - End of Q4		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Last Day of School/Half Day for All Students/Report Cards</b>
Tuesday	June 2	Last Day for Teachers/Teacher Workday

# Berkeley County School District Instructional Calendar Highlights



## 2025-2026

### Inclement Weather Days

- October 13, 2025
- February 13, 2026
- April 3, 2026

Berkeley County School District is a SCDE approved eLearning district. The current provision allows BCSD to use up to five (5) eLearning days. Such eLearning days are for emergency situations, such as inclement weather or utility interruptions (power outages and water loss). eLearning days are not days planned on the calendar.

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### Fall Break:

- Monday-Friday off for Thanksgiving

### Winter Break:

- 11 instructional days off
- Last day with students is 12/19 (half day)
- Return with a teacher workday on 1/5
- Students return on 1/6

### Spring Break:

- April 6 - 10

### Quarters:

- Q1 - 42 days - Ends on 10/10
- Q2 - 44 days - Ends on 12/19
- Q3 - 46 days - Ends on 3/13
- Q4 - 48 days - Ends on 6/1

### Semesters:

- S1 - 86 days - Ends on 12/19
- S2 - 94 days - Ends on 6/1

### Year End:

- Students' last day is 6/1 (half day)
- Teacher workday is 6/2

## South Carolina Department of Education Instructional Calendar Requirements

- The school term is 190 days annually and must consist of a minimum of 180 days of instruction covering at least nine calendar months.
- The opening date for students must not be before the third Monday in August, unless a waiver is granted by the SC Department of Education.
- All school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up.
  - All school districts shall designate annually at least three days within their school calendars to be used as make-up days in the event of these occurrences.
- Three days must be used for professional development.
- The instructional day for secondary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, excluding lunch. The school day for elementary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, including lunch.