A Clarke County School District Academic Calendar Committee, led by Amy Peacock, Director of Professional Learning, was convened in September 2026 to develop proposed academic calendars for the 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years.

The Academic Calendar Committee included representatives from a variety of stakeholder groups across the district to ensure diverse perspectives were considered throughout the calendar development process. Members included certified and classified staff, school and district leadership, Local School Governance Team members, parents, and students.

Committee members were nominated based on qualities essential to a collaborative and thoughtful calendar development process, including open-mindedness, instructional focus, strategic thinking, collaboration, and a commitment to equity. These qualities were identified to support the committee's work in considering stakeholder feedback, balancing the needs of students, families, and staff, and developing calendar recommendations that support student learning.

Work of the Committee and Timeline:

A Calendar Input Survey was distributed to all CCSD staff and families to gather feedback and preferences to inform the development of the 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 academic calendars. A total of 1,729 responses were received, including 895 from school-based staff, 743 from families, and 91 from district office staff. The survey results are summarized **here**.

During the September 30, 2026 initial committee meeting, committee members were introduced to the calendar development process, including their charge, roles, and responsibilities. Members reviewed and analyzed stakeholder survey results, identified priorities and considerations for the academic calendars, and began developing calendar options aligned with stakeholder feedback and district requirements.

During the October 7, 2026 final committee meeting, committee members reviewed and evaluated the proposed calendar options, considered stakeholder feedback and district priorities, and worked toward consensus on recommended academic calendars for the 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years.

The calendars developed by the committee were shared with the superintendent and her Cabinet. As part of their review, they also examined stakeholder survey feedback and considered district priorities and operational needs. Through that review, a few adjustments were made.

- The calendars were adjusted to ensure students receive a full 180 instructional days while also providing balanced, 90-day semesters for our high schools.
- The October and March conference weeks have been moved later in their respective semesters. These adjustments were made to ensure that conferences occur after the end of each grading quarter while also considering the impact of these adjustments on Transportation and School Nutrition staff, whose work schedules are affected when students are not physically in school buildings. Each break will

include an all-school early release day, followed by a Distance Learning Day, leading into student/staff holidays.

- At the end of each term, there will be a high school early release day, followed by an all-school early release day. This adjustment was made to reduce the potential burden on families, particularly those with elementary and middle school students, who would otherwise have to accommodate the two consecutive early release days proposed by the committee. In discussions with Transportation, they indicated that they believe a consistent high school dismissal time can be established for both types of early release days, helping provide predictability for schools and families.

Calendar Comparisons:

Pre-Planning Days
2026-2027: 5 (4 teacher planning days and 1 professional learning day)
2027-2028: 5 (4 teacher planning days and 1 professional learning day)
2028-2029: 5 (4 teacher planning days and 1 professional learning day)

Professional Learning Days
2026-2027: 1 (July 29, 2026)
2027-2028: 3 (July 30, 2027; November 2, 2027; January 5, 2028)
2028-2029: 3 (July 28, 2028; November 5, 2028; January 3, 2029)

First Day of School
2026-2027: Wednesday, August 5, 2026
2027-2028: Wednesday, August 4, 2027
2028-2029: Wednesday, August 2, 2028

Student/Staff Holidays in October
2026-2027: Friday, October 16 and Monday, October 19
2027-2028: Friday, October 29, 2027 and Monday, November 1, 2027 (October 27 is an early release day for students. October 28 is a distance learning day for students. November 2 is a student holiday/professional learning day for staff.)
2028-2029: Friday, October 27, 2028 (October 25 is an early release day for students. October 26 is a distance learning day for students. November 6 is a student holiday/professional learning day for staff. November 7 is a distance learning day for students.)

Thanksgiving Break
2026-2027: Monday, November 23, 2026 - Friday, November 27, 2026
2027-2028: Monday, November 22, 2027 - Friday, November 26, 2027
2028-2029: Monday, November 20, 2028 - Friday, November 24, 2028

Winter Break
2026-2027: Monday, December 21, 2026 - Friday, January 1, 2027
2027-2028: Monday, December 20, 2027 - Monday, January 3, 2028 (followed by a teacher planning day on Tuesday, January 4, 2028 and a Professional Learning Day on Wednesday, January 5, 2028)
2028-2029: Monday, December 18, 2028 - Monday, January 1, 2029 (followed by a teacher planning day on Tuesday, January 2, 2029 and a Professional Learning Day on Wednesday, January 3, 2029)

Student/Staff Holidays in February Aligned with President's Day
2026-2027: Monday, February 15, 2027 (holiday for students, planning day for staff)
2027-2028: Monday, February 21, 2028 (holiday for students and staff)
2028-2029: Monday, February 19, 2029 (holiday for students and staff)

Student/Staff Holidays in March
2026-2027: Friday, March 12, 2027
2027-2028: 0 (An early release day on Thursday, March 30, 2028 and a distance learning day on Friday, March 31, 2028 lead into the Monday, April 3, 2028 - Friday, April 7, 2028 spring break.)
2028-2029: 0 (An early release day on Thursday, March 29, 2029 and a distance learning day on Friday, March 30, 2029 lead into the Monday, April 2, 2029 - Friday, April 6, 2029 spring break.)

Spring Break
2026-2027: Monday, April 5, 2027 - Friday April 9, 2027
2027-2028: Monday, Monday, April 3, 2028 - Friday, April 7, 2028
2028-2029: Monday, April 2, 2029 - Friday, April 6, 2029

Last Day of School
2026-2027: Friday, May 21, 2027
2027-2028: Friday, May 19, 2028
2028-2029: Friday, May 18, 2029

Post-Planning Days
2026-2027: 4 (4 teacher planning days)
2027-2028: 2 (2 teacher planning days)
2028-2029: 2 (2 teacher planning days)

Total Number of Days for Students
2026-2027: 177
2027-2028: 180
2028-2029: 180