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Calendar Study

PURPOSE: Explore the option of a pre-Labor Day start for the 2023-2024 school year

- Calendar trends in Region 1
- Comparison of calendar components
- Benefits to a pre-Labor Day start
- Next steps





Calendar Trends in Region 1

- 11 schools in Region 1
- 1 Division has a “balanced” (year-round) calendar
- 4 Divisions had a pre-Labor Day start in 2021-2022
- 2 additional Divisions have already proposed pre-Labor Day start for 2022-2023
- All other Divisions are also currently exploring a pre-Labor Day start



Calendar Trends in Region 1

Division	Start Date	Last Day of School	Teachers Report	Spring Break	2022-2023 Start
Charles City	September 7, 2021	June 15, 2022	August 23, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Chesterfield	August 23/24, 2021	June 3, 2022	August 16, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Colonial Heights	September 7, 2021	June 16, 2022	August 30, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Dinwiddie	September 7, 2021	June 15, 2022	August 25, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	August 23/24, 2022
Goochland	August 23, 2021	June 8, 2022	August 16, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Hanover	September 7, 2021	June 16, 2022	August 26, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Henrico	September 8, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 30, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	August 29, 2022
Hopewell	July 26, 2021	June 10, 2022	July 19, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	July 25, 2022
New Kent	September 7, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 26, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Petersburg	September 7, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 26, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Powhatan	August 23, 2021	June 3, 2022	August 16, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Prince George	September 7, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 24, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Richmond	September 8, 2021	June 24, 2022	August 26, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	
Surry	September 7, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 30, 2021	April 18-22, 2022	
Sussex	September 7, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 16, 2021	April 4-11, 2022	
MLWGS	September 7, 2021	June 16, 2022	August 26, 2021	April 4-11, 2022	August 22, 2022
Code RVA	September 8, 2021	June 15, 2022		April 4-8, 2022	August 22, 2022
ARGS	September 8/9, 2021	June 17, 2022	August 31, 2021	April 4-8, 2022	



Calendar Components

Dates are anticipated for the 2023-2024 SY and estimated based on information from obtained from neighboring Division calendars.

Calendar Components	Post Labor Day Start	Pre-Labor Day Start (1 Week)	Pre-Labor Day Start (2 Weeks)
First Day of School	September 5, 2023	August 28, 2023	August 21, 2023
New Teachers Report (13 Days Prior)	August 14, 2023	August 7, 2023	July 31, 2023
Teachers Report (8 Days Prior)	August 22, 2023	August 15, 2023	August 8, 2023
Start of Second Semester	January 26, 2024	January 19, 2024	January 12, 2024
Last Day of School	June 14, 2024	June 7, 2024	May 31, 2024
Instructional Days	180 Days	180 Days	180 Days



Benefits to a pre-Labor Day Start

- Fewer instructional weeks remain after end of the year stand mandated SOL tests.
- Allows for the first attempt of the fall non-writing SOLs to be administered prior to winter break (grades 9-12).
- Aligns better with dual enrollment college schedules
- Aligns with the start of Code RVA, Maggie L. Walker Governors School, and Appomattox Regional Governors School.
- Added instructional weeks prior to AP exams
- Improve the efficiency of the college application process by having transcripts finalized earlier.
- The start of fall sports and the start of school align more closely



Next Steps

- Gain Stakeholder Input
 - Town Hall Meeting and Survey teachers, staff, students, and parents.
- Calendar Committee convenes and builds draft calendars
 - 1 week pre-Labor Day; 2 week pre-Labor Day; Post Labor Day
- Survey data and draft calendars will be presented to Superintendent and School Board