School Schedule Information 2026-2027

- **Delayed Openings**
- **Cancellations**
- **School Calendars**
- **School Operating Hours**
- **Holidays**

and

- **Other Special Dates**

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Inclement Weather Days, Delayed Openings and Cancellations

Elementary Schools and Early Childhood Centers 2026-2027

PREPARATION

In preparation for the upcoming school year, please review the following information with your staff, students, and parents. It is also suggested that you share this information in newsletters and various other ways throughout the school year.

DELAYED OPENINGS

- **MORNING Half-day PEEP classes** will not be held when there is a delayed opening.
- **AFTERNOON classes *WILL*** be held if the opening of school is delayed.

NOTIFICATION OF DELAYED OPENINGS & CANCELLATIONS

When it is determined that schools will be closed or delayed in opening, Public Relations and Community Involvement will do everything possible to make the announcements as early as possible. Transportation personnel drive the streets starting at about 3 a.m. to determine safety conditions. NNPS will try to have a decision by 6 a.m. so that local television and radio stations can make the announcement. Please remember that a closing/delayed opening decision cannot be made on the basis of a forecast alone – conditions must be evaluated.

For the most reliable and timely information, please check the Information Line (**757-283-7810**), the NNPS website at nnschools.org, or NNPS-TV on Cox 47 and Verizon FiOs 17. NNPS families and staff will also receive notification through the telephone communication system.

It is important that you review the attached School Board *Procedure EBCE-P* with all staff members so that they know what to do in these various situations.

NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School and Facility Closings & Delayed Openings

The following procedures apply to the emergency closing or delayed opening of schools and for employee attendance during these modified school division operations. These procedures will be reviewed and updated as needed.

Emergency Closings and Delayed Openings

The school division strives to make a decision to close early, open late, or cancel school as early as conditions allow, so that employees, students, and parents can be notified as soon as possible.

If it is necessary to dismiss school early because of emergency weather conditions, the normal order of dismissal will prevail. Each principal will clearly explain the early dismissal procedures to parents, to include the importance of keeping emergency numbers up to date, and urge that they make provision for the care of their child in case they are not home when the child arrives.

TEN- AND ELEVEN-MONTH PERSONNEL

Delayed Opening

1. The reporting time for ten- and eleven-month employees (except cafeteria and key transportation personnel) is adjusted by the same number of hours as the student reporting time.

2. Cafeteria personnel report as soon as possible in order to prepare lunch. Breakfast is not served on days of delayed openings.

3. Morning half-day PEEP classes will **NOT** be held when there is a delayed opening.

4. Afternoon half-day PEEP classes **WILL** be held when there is a delayed opening.

School Cancellation

1. If school is canceled, all schools shall be closed for the day.

2. Ten- and eleven-month employees do not report to work unless the superintendent deems it necessary to use the day as a make-up teacher work day in order to avoid weekend or holiday make-up workdays.

Early Dismissal

Unless otherwise directed, the dismissal time for ten- and eleven-month employees (except cafeteria, transportation, custodial, clerical, and administrative personnel) is adjusted by the same number of hours that students are dismissed early.

Procedures: EBCE-P

School and Facility Closings & Delayed Openings

Twelve-Month Personnel

Delayed Opening
All twelve-month personnel (other than custodial, transportation, and plant services personnel) are to report to work as soon as reasonably possible given the conditions at the time.

School Cancellation
1. When schools are closed all offices are open unless the closing of offices is specified.

2. All twelve-month employees report unless otherwise specified.

Early Dismissal
In the event of early dismissal of students, twelve-month employees and all cafeteria, custodial, transportation, clerical and administrative personnel will work their regular schedule unless otherwise notified by their supervisor.

Custodial, Transportation and Plant Services Personnel
Twelve-month day custodial, transportation, and plant services personnel will report at the regular time if other twelve-month day personnel are to report at any time during the day. They then will be provided appropriate compensatory time based on the number of reduced hours for other twelve-month day employees.

Twelve-month night custodians, transportation night monitors, and plant services night shift employees will report at noon if students are not in school and at their regular time if students are in school.

Emergency Closing of a Single School or a Small Group of Schools

1. The superintendent or designee will make the decision to approve the closing of an individual school or a small group of schools, which may be necessitated due to local emergency conditions. Executive directors and principals will contact Transportation to make the necessary arrangements to take the students home. Principals of elementary schools shall make every effort to contact parents and shall make arrangements to provide for children who do not have emergency care.

Schools should indicate the emergency closing location or pairing of schools for emergencies in their emergency operations plans (i.e. emergency that occurs en route to school).

2. School employees will be assigned as needed to facilitate the alternate arrangements.

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AN ACHIEVABLE DREAM SCHOOL CALENDAR

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July 2026

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3 Independence Day Observance
10, 17, 24, 31 Summer Hours

August 2026

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4 New Teachers Report
7 Summer Hours
13 All Teachers & Teacher Assts. Report
24 All Students Report

September 2026

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4 Schools Closed (as required by State Code), 12 Month Employees Report
7 Labor Day - Schools and Offices Closed

October 2026

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16 Schools Closed for Students; Half Day Teacher PD in morning and family conferences in the afternoon (and held throughout the week)

November 2026

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3 E-Commute Teacher Workday (Election Day) - Students do not report
25 Schools Closed; Half Day for 12 Month Employees
26-27 Thanksgiving Observance Schools & Offices Closed

December 2026

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1 Winter Break - Schools and Offices Closed
4 Schools Closed for Students; Full Teacher Planning Day
5 Schools Reopen
18 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
20-22 Exam Dates - 1/2 day high schools; HS Teacher Workdays
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26 Regional Prof. Development Day
27 Second Semester begins

February 2027

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15 Presidents Day - Schools Closed, 12 Month Employees Report

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2 Students Half Day Dismissal; Teacher Workday in the afternoon
5-9 Spring Break (annually 1st week of April for Peninsula school divisions) - Schools & Offices Closed (12 Month employees to use 1/2 day leave each day, April 5-7)
12 Schools Closed for Students; Full Teacher Planning Day

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28 Half Day Dismissal for students and school staff; 12 month employees report
31 Memorial Day Observance - Schools and Offices Closed

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NNPS 2026-2027 OPERATING HOURS

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SCHEDULE A

HIGH SCHOOLS

Denbigh, Heritage, Menchville, Warwick, Woodside

Student Hours	Office Hours	Half-Day Dismissal: 10:30
7:10 a.m. - 1:55 p.m.	6:50 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.	Early Dismissal: 12:25

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Ella Fitzgerald, Huntington

Student Hours	Office Hours	Half-Day Dismissal: 10:30
7:10 a.m. - 1:55 p.m.	6:50 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.	Early Dismissal: 12:25

SCHEDULE B

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Crittenden, Gildersleeve, Hines, Passage, Booker T. Washington

Student Hours	Office Hours	Half-Day Dismissal: 11:30
8:10 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Early Dismissal: 1:25

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Gen. Stanford (& PreK), Jenkins, McIntosh, Stoney Run

Student Hours	Office Hours	Half-Day Dismissal: 11:30
8:20 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Early Dismissal: 1:25

** Schools with P.E.E.P. classes on Schedule B*

P.E.E.P. CLASSES - Schedule B

A.M. Session	P.M. Session
Student Hours 8:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.	Student Hours 11:40 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 9:55 Early Dismissal: 10:50	Half-Day Dismissal: No P.M. Classes Early Dismissal: 10:55 - 1:25

** If schools are delayed due to weather, A.M. session PEEP classes will be cancelled.*

SCHEDULE C

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Carver *	Hilton	Richneck
Discovery STEM Acad.*	Katherine Johnson*	Riverside
Charles	Kiln Creek	Sanford
Deer Park	Knollwood Meadows*	Saunders
Dutrow	Newsome Park	Sedgefield
Greenwood	Palmer	Yates
Hidenwood		

Student Hours	Office Hours	Half-Day Dismissal: 12:30
9:20 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Early Dismissal: 2:25

** Schools with P.E.E.P. classes on Schedule C*

P.E.E.P. CLASSES - Schedule C

A.M. Session	P.M. Session
Student Hours 9:20 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.	Student Hours 12:40 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 10:55 Early Dismissal: 11:50	Half-Day Dismissal: No P.M. Classes Early Dismissal: 11:55 - 2:25

** If schools are delayed due to weather, A.M. session PEEP classes will be cancelled.*

AN ACHIEVABLE DREAM

ELEMENTARY: Grades K-5

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Grades K-2
Student Hours: 9:20 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 12:30
Early Dismissal: 2:25

Grades 3-5
Student Hours: 8:20 a.m. - 4:35 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 11:50
Early Dismissal: 1:25

MIDDLE & HIGH: Grades 6-12

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Grades 6-10
Student Hours: 8:20 a.m. - 4:35 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 11:50
Early Dismissal: 1:25

Grades 11-12
Student Hours: 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 11:50
Early Dismissal: 1:25

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

Denbigh ECC * & Watkins ECC *

Office Hours: 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 9:40 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 12:55
Early Dismissal: 2:25

** School with P.E.E.P. classes*

P.E.E.P. CLASSES - Denbigh & Watkins ECC

A.M. Session
Student Hours: 9:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 11:20
Early Dismissal: 12:05

** If schools are delayed due to weather, A.M. session PEEP classes will be cancelled.*

P.M. Session
Student Hours: 12:55 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: No P.M. Classes
Early Dismissal: 12:10 - 2:25

Marshall ELC *

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Student Hours: 7:35 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 10:50
Early Dismissal: 12:20

** School with P.E.E.P. classes*

P.E.E.P. CLASSES - Marshall ELC

A.M. Session
Student Hours: 7:35 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: 9:15
Early Dismissal: 10:00

** If schools are delayed due to weather, A.M. session PEEP classes will be cancelled.*

P.M. Session
Student Hours: 10:50 a.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Half-Day Dismissal: No P.M. Classes
Early Dismissal: 10:05 - 12:20

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Important Dates
to Plan Your
School Year

Report Card Marking Periods

November 2: 9 Weeks Period 1 ends
November 11: 9 Weeks Period 1 Reports issued
January 22: 9 Weeks Period 2 ends
February 2: 9 Weeks Period 2 Reports issued
April 2: 9 Weeks Period 3 ends
April 20: 9 Weeks Period 3 Reports issued
June 8: 9 Weeks Period 4 ends

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Yom Kippur - September 21
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Ash Wednesday - February 10
Eid al-Fitr - March 10
Ascension Day - May 6

**Jewish observances begin at sundown on the preceding day*

Stay Informed - Inclement Weather & Emergency Closings

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NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 Calendar of Events

NEWPORT NEWS

August 2026

18 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
24 All students report - 1st Day of School

September 2026

4 Schools closed (as required by State Code), offices open
7 Labor Day (schools & offices closed)
7-11 National Payroll Week
8 International Literacy Day
11 Patriot Day
13-19 National Arts in Education Week
15 Hispanic Heritage Month begins (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
15 National IT Professionals Day
15 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
21 Yom Kippur (begins at sunset, Sept. 20)
22 First Day of Autumn

October 2026

4-10 Fire Prevention Week
5 Child Health Day
12 Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
12-16 National School Lunch Week
16 Schools closed for students, 1/2 day teacher PD in the morning and family conferences in the afternoon (and held throughout the week)
18-24 America's Safe Schools Week
19-23 National School Bus Safety Week
20 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
23-31 Red Ribbon Week
24 Make a Difference Day

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
National Principals Month

November 2026

1 Standard Time (clocks move back 1 hour)
3 E-Commute Teacher Work Day (students do not report)

November 2026 continued

3 Election Day
8 National STEM and STEAM Day
9-13 National School Psychology Week
11 Veterans Day
16-20 American Education Week
17 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
19 National Parental Involvement Day
20 Substitute Appreciation Day
25 Schools closed; offices closed 1/2 day
26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (schools & offices closed)

Family Engagement in Schools Month
National Veterans and Military Families Month
Native American Heritage Month

December 2026

2 National Special Education Day
7-14 Computer Science Education Week
15 School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
21 First Day of Winter
21-31 Winter Break (schools & offices closed; 12 month employees to use 1/2 day leave on each day, Dec. 29, 30, and 31)

January 2027

1 Winter Break (schools & offices closed)
4 Schools closed for students; full teacher planning day
5 Schools reopen
18 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools & offices closed)
19 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20-22 Exam Dates (1/2 days for high school students)
25 Support Staff Work Day and E-Commute Teacher Work Day (students do not report)
26 Regional Professional Development Day (students do not report)
27 Second semester begins

Virginia School Principals Appreciation (week in January to be announced by VDOE at a later date)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-2027 Calendar of Events

February 2027

1-5	National School Counseling Week
2	Groundhog Day
5	NNPS Security Officer Appreciation Day
8	Ramadan (begins at sunset, Feb. 7)
10	Ash Wednesday
15	National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
15	President's Day - Schools closed, offices open
15-19	School Board Clerk Appreciation Week
16	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17	National PTA Founders Day

Career and Technical Education Month
National Black History Month
Virginia School Board Appreciation Month

March 2027

1-5	Custodial and Plant Services Week
1-5	National School Breakfast Week
2	Read Across America
2	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Operating Budget Presentation)
5	Half day for students; family conferences in the afternoon (and held throughout the week)
7-13	National Foreign Language Week
7-13	National School Social Work Week
8	International Women's Day
9	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Budget Hearing)
10	Eid al-Fitr (begins at sunset, March 9)
14	Daylight Saving Time (clocks advance 1 hour)
16	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Budget Approval)
20	First Day of Spring

Middle Level Education Month
Music in Our Schools Month
Social Work Month
Women's History Month
Youth Art Month

April 2027

2	Half day for students; teacher work day in the afternoon
2	International Children's Book Day
2	World Autism Day
5-9	National Assistant Principals Week
5-9	Spring Break (schools & offices closed; employees to use 1/2 day leave each day April 5-7)
7	National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
10-16	Week of the Young Child
11-17	National Library Week
12	Teacher Work Day (students do not report)
15	Purple Up Day
18-24	Administrative Professionals Week
19-23	National Student Leadership Week
19-23	Public School Volunteer Week
20	School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
22	Earth Day

Arab American Heritage Month
National Autism Awareness Month
National Occupational Therapy Month
Month of the Military Child
National School Library Month

May 2027

1	National School Principals Day
1-7	National Physical Education & Sports Week
2-9	National Music Week
3-7	National Teacher Appreciation Week
3-7	School Nutrition Employee Week
3-14	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
6	Ascension Day
7	School Lunch Hero Day
12	National School Nurse Day
14	School Communicators Day
17-21	National Educational Bosses Week
18	National Speech Pathologist Day
18	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
28	Half day dismissal for schools
31	Memorial Day (schools & offices closed)

May 2027 continued

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Military Appreciation Month
National Mental Health Month
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
National Speech, Language, and Hearing Month

June 2027

1	School Board Special Meeting, 5:00 p.m. (Personnel Actions)
3-4	School Graduations (tentative)
4, 7, 8	ECC, ES & MS - early dismissal HS - 1/2 day dismissal
8	Last student day
9	Last teacher day
15	School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18	Juneteenth Observance (schools & offices closed)
25	Summer hours begin

Carribean-American Heritage Month
Immigrant Heritage Month

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