

2025-2026 Inclement Weather Calendar Update

March 9, 2026

2025-2026 HCPS Calendar

Calendar Requirements:

- At least 3 inclement weather days
- 180 student instructional days AND
 - 1080 hours (elementary and middle schools)
 - 1170 hours (high schools)

HCPS 2025-2026 Calendar includes:

- 6 inclement weather days
- 180 student instructional days AND
 - 1137 hours (elementary and middle schools)
 - 1227 hours (high schools)
 - A surplus of 57 instructional hours

HCPS Closures (7):

- December 2, 2025
- January 26, 2026
- January 27, 2026
- January 28, 2026
- January 29, 2026
- January 30, 2026
- February 23, 2026

Inclement Weather Make Up days utilized:

- Monday, June 15, 2026
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026
- Thursday, June 18, 2026
- Monday, June 22, 2026
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026
- Thursday, June 25, 2026

June 2026

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COMAR: Waivers

- Maryland declared a State of Emergency on two inclement weather closure dates, January 26, 2026 & February 23, 2026
 - **COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a)** allows for a waiver request when Maryland enters a state of emergency
- With the waiver of the State of Emergency dates, the last day would fall on Monday, June 22, 2026
 - **COMAR 13A.02.01.04** allows for a waiver request to open on a Monday

Waiver Request

- The BOE would like to request a waiver for 3 days for the last day of school to end on June 18th (keeps use of 4 inclement weather days).
- The State Board expects districts to demonstrate good faith at ensuring or increasing learning time when requesting waivers.

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Waiver Request

- Options include adding an instructional day (e.g. Howard County - Easter Monday) or converting early dismissal days to full instructional days.
- The BOE is considering converting the April 17 and May 22 early dismissal days to full instructional days to increase learning time.
- In recognition of this adjustment, the administration would waive the final teacher workday—Monday, June 22 (if the waiver is granted)—to honor staff time.

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Note, even without this increased learning time, HCPS will meet the annual instructional hour requirements by June 18, 2026, of 1,080 hours for elementary students and 1,170 hours for secondary students established in COMAR 13A.09.10.14.