



MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Great Kids Achieving Great Things"

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Community Members:

The Mercer Co. District Calendar Committee has begun the process of developing the 2020-2021 District Calendar. The 2019-2020 school calendar was adopted by the board last year and is posted to our webpage at this link: http://www.mercer.kyschools.us/Downloads/mercercalendar_official.pdf. If you have ideas or suggestions for the 2020-2021 calendar, please contact any of the committee member below:

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You can also share ideas with me at esther.hayslett@mercerc.kyschools.us or 859-733-7000 ext. 4001.

The committee will use the guidelines below to assist in the development of the calendar:

- We want to provide students with as many instructional days prior to May.
- For safety purposes, we start after the 127-Yard Sale Days (Aug 6-9, 2020)
- We have 185 staff days and 173 instructional days*
- NTI days are not guaranteed. We must include makeup days in our school calendar.
- We must keep the Career Academy in mind when we develop our calendar. Our students are attending classes with Anderson Co. and Burgin and we need to be mindful of this as well.

*If we decided to start school after August 24th, we are allowed to have fewer instructional days but must still meet the 1062-hour requirement. In order to do this, we would have to have a longer school day and/or consider using some days during our breaks. If we do this, the instructional day cannot be longer than 7 hours.

We are required to have the following days in our calendar:

1- Opening Day
4: PD days
4- Holidays

1- Closing Day
2- Planning Days

Dates in 2020-2021 we are required to be out of school:

-Sept. 7th: Labor Day (Holiday)
-Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving (Holiday)
-Jan. 1: New Year's Eve (Holiday)
-May 31: Memorial Day

-Nov. 3: Presidential Election
-Dec. 25: Christmas (Holiday)
-Jan. 18: Martin L. King Day
-Feb. 15th: Traditionally we take off President's day, but this is not required.

If you have suggestions for this committee to consider, please let us know before January 31.

Sincerely,

Esther Hayslett, DPP
Mercer Co. Schools