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Gateway School Calendar

2026-2027

July	**22 student days**
Monday, June 29 Tuesday, June 30	Professional Development Days- Staff ONLY
Wednesday, July 1	**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
Friday, July 3	NO SCHOOL- Independence Day
Friday, July 31	12:30 Dismissal for Students Afternoon Professional Development
August	**10 student days**
Monday, August 3- Friday, August 14	**NO SCHOOL: Summer Break for Students & Staff**
Monday, August 17	Professional Development Day for STAFF ONLY
Tuesday, August 18	School Reopens for students
September	**20 student days**
Monday, September 7	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
Monday, September 21	NO SCHOOL for students- Yom Kippur Professional Development Day for Staff
October	**22 Student Days**
Saturday, October 10	Fall Festival 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Friday, October 30	12:30 Dismissal for Students Halloween celebration in school
November	**18 Student Days**
Tuesday, Nov 24	12:30 Dismissal- start of Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, Nov 25 Thursday, Nov 26 Friday, Nov 27	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break
December	**14 Student Days**
Friday, Dec 18	12:30 Dismissal- start of winter break Gateway School Winter Music Program 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Dec 21- Thursday, December 31	NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK

January	**19 School Days**
Friday, January 1	NO SCHOOL-New Year's Day
Monday, January 4	School Reopens
Monday, January 18	NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *Snow Make-up Day #1**
February	**19 School Days**
Friday, February 12	12:30 Dismissal for Students Valentine's Day Celebration
Monday, February 15	NO SCHOOL- Presidents' Day *Snow Make-up Day #2**
Friday, February 26	12:30 Dismissal for Students
Saturday, February 27 (Snow Date 2/28)	Gateway LOVE Dance: 4:00-6:00
March	**17 School Days**
Monday, March 22- Monday, March 29	Spring Break School Closed for Staff & Students (*3/22 & 3/23 Snow Make-Up Days #3 & #4*)
Tuesday, March 30	School Reopens
April	**22 School Days**
Friday, April 30	12:30 Dismissal for Students- Bounce-a-thon for students Afternoon Professional Development for Staff
May	**20 School Days**
Friday, May 28	12:30 Dismissal- Spring Fling Professional Development Afternoon
Monday, May 31	NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day
June	**9 School Days**
Wednesday, June 9	End of Year Music Program-10:00 a.m.
Friday, June 11	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- 12:30 Dismissal 8th Grade Graduation- 10:00 a.m.

Total Student School Days: 212 **Total Instructional Hours: 1,248 hours**
Total Staff Days: 216

Gateway School Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday (Lunch will be served prior to dismissal)..... 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures

Gateway School prioritizes the safety of students and staff while maintaining consistency for families and transportation providers.

Weather-Related Closures and Delays

Gateway School follows *Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)* for inclement weather–related closures, delays, and early dismissals, including snow, ice, and other hazardous weather conditions.

Independent Decision Authority

Gateway School reserves the right to make independent opening and closing decisions when conditions warrant. However, in most cases, Gateway aligns with the local school system to ensure safe and reliable student transportation.

Should BCPS opt for Virtual Learning, Gateway School will make independent opening and closing decisions as MSDE does not permit nonpublic schools to provide virtual instruction days. Independent closures or delays will be posted on WBAL as Gateway School.

Heat-Related Conditions

Gateway School is a fully air-conditioned facility and does not close for heat-related closures announced by BCPS or other local school systems. Instruction will continue as scheduled unless families are notified otherwise.

***Inclement Weather Make-Up Days Policy**

Gateway School builds its annual calendar to meet the 212-day student attendance requirement. In the event of school closures due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the following procedures will apply:

- Make-Up Days: The school calendar includes designated make-up days to recover lost instructional time.
- Tentative Make-Up Days #1 and #2: The first two identified make-up days are tentative and pending approval from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and/or the State Superintendent of Schools, if required due to being on MLK Day and Presidents' Day.
- **Additional Make-Up Days**: If further closures occur beyond the planned 4 make-up days, additional days may be added to the school calendar, consistent with state regulations.

Communication

Families will be notified of any schedule changes through email and posted on WBAL.

In the event of a **2-hour delay on a Wednesday**, Gateway School will be in session from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2026-2027 School Year Quarters:

Quarter	Start Date	End Date	# of Days
Quarter 1	July 1, 2026	September 30, 2026	52 Days
Quarter 2	October 1, 2026	December 18, 2026	54 Days
Quarter 3	January 4, 2027	March 31, 2027	55 Days
Quarter 4	April 1, 2027	June 11, 2027	51 Days