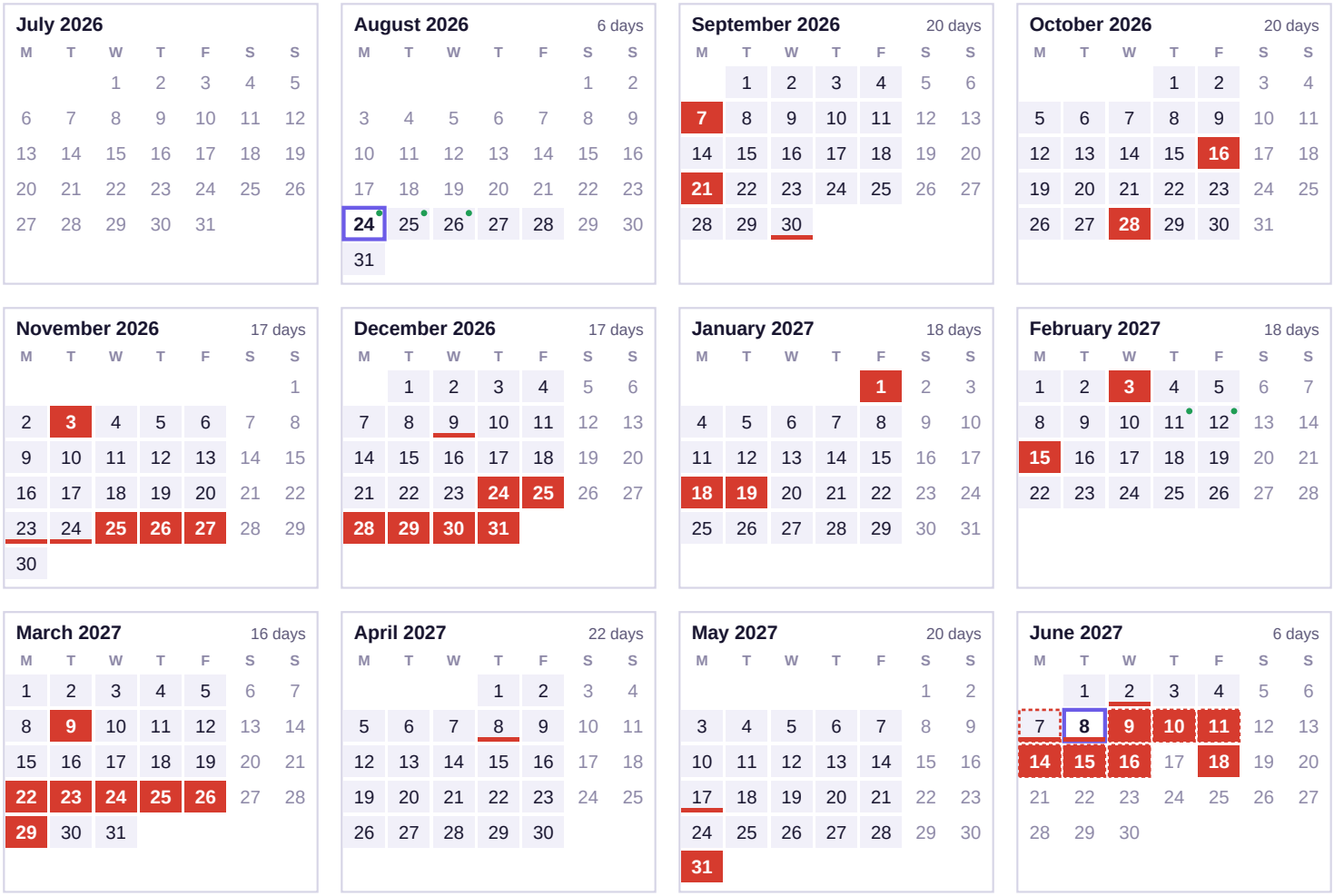
Howard County Public School System

School calendar 2026–27 · Ellicott City, Maryland

First day	Last day	School days	Weekdays off
Monday, August 24, 2026	**Tuesday, June 8, 2027**	**180** matches state law	**27** longest: Winter break



School day · No school · First / last day · Learning from home · Early release · Late start · Possible make-up day · Only some grades

Days off and schedule changes

Mon Aug 24–26	No school · Pre-K only: First day for pre-K/RECC students (…
Mon Sep 7	No school: Labor Day
Mon Sep 21	No school: Schools and offices closed
Wed Sep 30	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Fri Oct 16	No school: Schools closed for students – Staff Workday
Wed Oct 28	No school: Schools closed for students – Staff Professional…
Tue Nov 3	No school: Schools and offices closed*
Mon Nov 23	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Tue Nov 24	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Wed Nov 25	No school: Schools closed for students – Parent/Teacher C…
Thu Nov 26–27	No school: Thanksgiving break
Wed Dec 9	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Thu Dec 24–31	No school: Winter break
Fri Jan 1	No school: New Year's Day
Mon Jan 18	No school: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tue Jan 19	No school: Schools closed for students –Staff Professional…
Wed Feb 3	No school: Schools closed for students – Staff Professional…
Thu Feb 11–12	Early release · Pre-K–5 only: Elementary schools close 3 h…
Mon Feb 15	No school: Presidents' Day
Tue Mar 9	No school: Schools closed for students –Staff Professional…
Mon Mar 22–26	No school: Schools closed* – Spring Break (Offices Closed…
Mon Mar 29	No school: Schools closed* – Spring Break (Offices Closed…
Thu Apr 8	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Mon May 17	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Mon May 31	No school: Memorial Day
Wed Jun 2	Early release: Schools close 3 hours early; No half-day Pre…
Mon Jun 7	Early release · may change if make-up days are needed: S…
Tue Jun 8	Early release · may change if make-up days are needed: S…

Source: Howard County Public School System's official 2026-2027 calendar, https://www.hcpss.org/f/news/calendars/datesonly202627.pdf
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