COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Empowering Dreams for the Future

CALENDAR DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Many variables must be considered when developing a school calendar. The calendar must comply with state law, State Board of Education policy, Cobb County Board of Education policy, and accreditation requirements. In addition, the physical make-up of the Gregorian calendar must also be considered. The variables that should be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Provide a minimum of 180 school days or its equivalent (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168, State Board of Education rule 160-5-1-.02, CCSD Board policy AEA)

- End First Semester prior to Winter Holidays
    - Allows students to complete first semester finals, term papers, etc., prior to Winter Holidays
    - Allows high school students who complete their coursework early or who choose dual enrollment to enroll in college programs spring semester

- Ending Second Semester prior to Memorial Day
    - Allows maximum instructional time prior to testing (CRCT, AP, IB, etc.)
    - Allows access to graduation venue
    - Enable teachers and graduates to attend early summer sessions at local universities

- First and Second Semesters should have an equal number of days to the extent possible
    - Provides time for minimum clock-hour requirements for block schedules

- Holidays must include as a minimum (see CCSD Board policy AEA):
    - Labor Day
    - Wednesday through Friday of Thanksgiving week
    - Winter holidays to include Christmas and New Year
    - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
    - Spring holidays
    - Memorial Day

- Schedule Spring Break during the first week following the first Sunday in April
    - Provides consistency with metro systems

- Provide ten (10) workdays for staff members (based on currently contracted days)

- Provide Election Day as a holiday for students during gubernatorial and presidential election years.

- End the school year on Wednesday in order to provide enough time to schedule graduation ceremonies

- When scheduling breaks/furlough days, consideration should be made for:
    - State required data reporting (FTE)
    - State testing window (CRCT)