# 2023-24 School Year Calendar - Option 1 - 90/90

Lancaster County School District, South Carolina

#### August 2023 Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su 3 5 9 10 11 12 6 18 13 19 20 23 25 26 29 30 31

New personnel orientation - Aug. 11 First day – returning teachers - Aug. 14 6th & 9th grade orientation - Aug. 18

Indian Land Schools Only
5th & 7th grade orientation - Aug. 18

# 🛨 First & last days

First semester

Aug. 21 & Jan. 11 (Jan. 11 - 1/2 student day)
Second semester

Jan. 16 & May 31 (May 30 & 31 - 1/2 student day)

#### W Teacher workdays

Full days – Aug. 14 & 16; Nov. 22; March 8 Half days – Jan. 12 & May 31

## Professional development

Aug. 15, 17 & 18, Oct. 16, Feb. 19

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#### Exams

First term - Jan. 10 & 11

(Early dismissal Jan. 11)
No extracurriculars Jan. 9 & 10

Second term - May 30 & 31

(Early dismissal May 30 & 31) No extracurriculars May 29 & 30

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- 3rd report card March 28
- End-of-year report card By June 11

#### Middle schools

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- · 2nd report card By Jan. 18
- 3rd report card March 28
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#### High schools

- 1st report card Sept. 28
- 2nd report card Nov. 1
- 3rd report card Dec. 6
- 1st semester report card By Jan. 18
- 5th report card Feb. 22
- 6th report card March 28
- 7th report card May 7
- End-of-year report card By June 11

#### Last day of semester/Graduation

May 31/ May 30 & 31

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June 6/ June 5 & 6

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# Which calendar option do you vote for?

Option 1

545 responses

Option 2

267 responses

I like when the calendar is set up to include Easter Monday as part of our Spring Break. That is a very busy holiday for a lot of families.

I don't want to be in school in June. Not sure why the start dates are the same but the end dates are not.

It would be nice if districts could petition the State Law regarding the August start date. It seems as though this law is outdated for our time. If the start date would be earlier, we would be able to get both an October & February break. This could appeal to the aspect of teacher retention & help with teacher burnout. This option would still allow for a May release.

better to have more mental health breaks in between

more long weekends gives everyone a chance to recharge.

There will be lots of tears if we ever go to school until June again....

I think everyone will be over school by the end of May and it will be difficult to keep the students engaged if we rollover into June.

Curious as to whether or not we will still be able to do virtual make-up days, even if we have to put in "inclement weather" days into the calendar?

Regardless ... I would much rather have a couple more days of school during the year to get out by the end of May.

This is wrong!! Very few people will see this prior to the due date. The first calendar Should not have a day off the day before exams and it is difficult to come back after the christmas break to a cleaned classroom and you have to reset it... Not trying to offend, BUT who is making the calendars out? Have they been a teacher? These really do not give us a fair choice. PLEASE, PLEASE consider the above issues.

It appears that 12 month employees will loose 3 vacation days with option 1, unless I am not reading this correctly.

Students are done with school by the end of April. Getting out of school in May is preferred due to student attention spans. They associate June with summer and are ready for a break. Either way the difference wasn't that bad between the two calendars. I just prefer getting out in May with less breaks during the school year to get a full summer break.

I have never understood the push to end the school year in May. Teachers and students really benefit from days off from school dispersed throughout the school year to take care of themselves, relax, and come back to school refreshed and eager to teach/learn. That is abundantly clear today (as I'm writing this on the last day before Spring Break) since the attitude and motivation of staff and students has been noticeablely decreased in recent days as everyone desperately needs a break.

Thank you for taking the mental health of staff and students into consideration as you make this choice.

more breaks each month

Would like to be out before June.

I wish you would consider Spring Break later in April each school year.

January is already crazy with one day off for students for the first three weeks. We will not have a 'normal' week until the fourth week in January. That makes it difficult to get the students back in a routine.

I like getting out earlier.

I would rather have more breaks built in.

I would love for teachers to give feedback on the testing calendar (if necessary)

Thank you for the breaks throughout both semesters! I will gladly work into June. Thank you! Thank you! Fingers crossed, Option 2 is the winner!

The Calendar says 2023-2024. I was not sure if it should say 2022-2023. Thanks.

I still don't understand why the state requires us to start late enough to not finish the first semester before the winter holidays. If we really want to put our children's success first, we would not take finals after the holidays.

I really like having Spring Break the week after Easter for holiday travel purposes.

Would be better if Spring break was a week later. From a classroom standpoint, (teachers and students), there should be fewer weeks between spring break and the end of school.

Option 2 seems to allow students and teachers a little more time for recuperation which would be helpful for the academic program.

Is there a way to take one day out from another vacation to add another day off on January 2nd for Option 1?

I chose option 2; however, I would love for the committee to consider a year-round modified calendar. Especially if there is a waiver that could be completed in order to start school a littler earlier so that 1st semester would end before the Christmas break.

I like getting out of school earlier than later.

I understand wanting to have spring break around Easter, but it's too early on both options.

give more time for Teachers to get rest as well as students.

Perhaps we need a mental health day every 9 weeks or optional work days.

It's the May end date. June is just so late

I noticed that in option 1, there were two red stars for what I assume to be the firstday back from Christmas break. I think it would be easier for staff if we started on a monday rather than a Thursday or Firday. The transition for exceptional students would be a lot easier on them as well as their teachers!

June is too late to be going to school in the south!

I prefer to get out of school in May instead of June

I feel that in order for the vote to be valid, it should be made known that this vote is taking place. The last calendar vote was slying put in the newsletter without much notice. No mention was made in the schools from the principals or anyone else to let us know that the vote was even taking place at all. Some of us are overwhelmed with all these other obligations put on us right now, that checking this newsletter for pertinent information that needs to be addressed in a couple of days is not fair. It is not that the newsletter is not important, but we don't have time to peruse the newsletter when a simple email for the calendar vote would have been more direct and noticeable and fair to all that wanted to vote.

No need to still be going to school in June.

Thank you for allowing input.

No school in June has always been mentioned at faculty recruiting. Maybe shorten the school day and number of totals days of contact. There is a district in Minnesota that offered students to have wed off from spring break through rest of the year if they have a C or better in all of their classes. Wed are study hall days with no faculty contact for any students who want to attend but are exempt.

Let's get out i May!

It would be awful to go into June.

No school in June EVER:)

Prolonging to June makes the kids' negative behavior increase. The temps are warm and they are ready for summer by the end of May!

I think the calendar should have virtual options as breaks for us to vote on for students and teachers.

I appreciate getting out before June officially starts. It helps the year feel shorter and the summer feel longer.

Who wants to work in June.lol

I would prefer to start school earlier and get out before June.

I prefer to start summer at the end of May

School year should start a week earlier

Why can't we end over the winter break like this year. It went really well.