

# 2021-22 STUDENT CALENDAR

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All students start school on Aug. 4, with a staggered start for in-person learning. Students in grades K, 1, 6, and 9, and students with special needs who are served in a small group will start in-person learning on Aug. 4, with all other students participating in digital learning at home. On Aug. 5, students in grades 2, 3, 7, and 10 will start in-person learning, with remaining students in digital learning at home. On Aug. 9, students in grades 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12 will start in-person learning. (Students who opted out of in-person learning will begin digital learning on Aug. 4.)

On the six planned Digital Learning Days (DLDs)—scheduled throughout the year for teacher planning/staff development—all students will learn from home, completing assignments at their own pace.

Early release days are held twice a year in elementary and middle schools to allow for parent-teacher conferences. School is dismissed 2½ hours early.

Note: This calendar does not include designated inclement weather make-up days. GCPS will make up any inclement weather days by using Digital Learning Days (DLDs), and/or extending the school day or year.

If bad weather causes school to be cancelled or dismissed early, public announcements will be made on GCPS TV; on the school system's website ([www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org)); on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram; through SchoolMessenger; and via metro-Atlanta radio and television stations. Unscheduled DLDs and full-day cancellations usually are announced by 6 a.m.

## FIND OUT MORE

- Use the **GCPS TV** app on [Apple](#), [Android](#), Amazon Fire, and [Roku devices](#) to watch [live](#) and [on-demand](#) content; stream online at [gcpstv.org](http://gcpstv.org), or watch on cable providers Charter (Ch. 180) or Comcast (Ch. 23).
- Sign up online for [eNews](#) (GCPS' monthly email newsletter).
- Attend [School Board meetings](#), typically the third Thursday each month, view "live" meetings online or on GCPS TV, or view [recordings](#) (available the next day).
- Find stories about our schools in [Communiqué](#), our online magazine.
- Listen to the ["Teaching Gwinnett" podcast](#).



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July 2021

## LEGEND

- 1** First and Last Day of School
- Aug. 4** In-person begins for gr. K, 1, 6, and 9, & small groups; *DLD for remaining grades*
- Aug. 5** In-person begins for gr. 2, 3, 7, & 10; *DLD for remaining*
- Aug. 9** In-person begins for gr. 4, 5, 8, 11, & 12
- 1** Student Holiday
- 1** Early Release Days (Grades K–8)
- 1** Planned Digital Learning Days (all students learn at home)
- High School Final Exams (Grades 9–12)

## AUGUST 2021

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## JANUARY 2022

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## SEPTEMBER 2021

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## FEBRUARY 2022

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## OCTOBER 2021

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## MARCH 2022

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## NOVEMBER 2021

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## APRIL 2022

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## DECEMBER 2021

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## MAY 2022

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# Safety First

The health and safety of GCPS students and staff is our highest priority. Here are some tips you need to know and a few ways that you and your family can help.

## Maintaining a healthy school environment

Everyone plays a part in maintaining a healthy school environment! Students can help by washing hands frequently, using a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, and staying home if sick. Masks are required in GCPS schools and facilities and on school buses.



## Responding to Lockdowns and Evacuation

If your student's school has been placed on lockdown or evacuated, please do not go to the school. Excessive traffic could interfere with law enforcement efforts or emergency response. The school will contact you to let you know how to proceed.

Schools go on **lockdown** when school officials and local law enforcement authorities determine that conditions outside or inside the school are unsafe. No one may enter or leave the school until the lockdown is lifted. This may delay dismissal times.

- A **soft lockdown** occurs when conditions outside the school are unsafe. Students and

staff continue with a normal school day, but stay within the building.

- A **hard lockdown** occurs when conditions inside the school are unsafe. Students and staff remain in the classroom and safety procedures are followed until the lockdown is lifted. For their safety, students should turn off or mute their cellphones as a ringing phone could alert an aggressor.

Schools are **evacuated** when the school environment is unsafe for the students to stay in the building.

For more information about school safety, see the Safety and Security information on the GCPS website ([www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org)).

## School Safety TIP LINE

Confidential  
Tip Line

Call or Text  
770-822-6513

Help keep your  
school safe.

If you think or know that someone is carrying a weapon, drugs, or alcohol on school property, call or text the information to the tip line. You do not have to provide your name.

## Inclement Weather

When inclement weather is predicted, GCPS works with local authorities to monitor current and expected conditions in the area.

- If bad weather is forecast overnight, GCPS officials drive roads and bridges across the county to gauge conditions.
- **Unscheduled DLDs and full-day cancellations usually are announced by 6 a.m.** Once a decision is made, the district posts the announcement about school closures on the GCPS website, GCPS TV, and the district's Facebook page and Twitter account. GCPS also notifies metro-Atlanta news outlets and alerts families with a phone call and optional text message via SchoolMessenger. (Families must request the text feature.)

- **When bad weather moves in during the school day**, district leaders decide the safest and most efficient way to get students home. Should GCPS schools release early or cancel afternoon or evening activities, GCPS notifies parents and community members via local school communication vehicles and SchoolMessenger calls and texts, through reports to metro-Atlanta news media, and posts to the GCPS website, Facebook, and Twitter.

GCPS announces only **school closing** information. The school system does not issue an announcement when school will be in session as scheduled.

**Make sure your student's school has up-to-date contact information for you.**