


**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools 

**DATE:** March 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Request from Calvert County Public Schools for a Calendar Modification

### Purpose

To consider the request to waive one day of student attendance for Calvert County Public Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Calvert County Public Schools requests to end the school year on Friday, June 13, 2025, after 179 days instead of Monday, June 16, 2025.

### Background

Education Article §7-103 requires that schools be open for student attendance for 180 days. The State Board of Education has the authority to adjust the length of the school year by granting waivers of the 180-day requirement. Such adjustments may be granted if normal school attendance is prevented due to a natural disaster, civil disaster, or severe weather conditions.

The conditions for granting a waiver of the 180-day school year requirement are specified in Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.02.01.04 and include the following:

1. The local education agency has demonstrated that they have made sufficient effort in providing instruction through calendar planning and modifications; and
2. Natural disasters, civil disasters, or severe weather conditions are sufficiently significant to warrant a waiver of days.

The conditions required for a waiver application are specified in COMAR 13A.02.01.04 (C) and include the following:

1. The local education agency developed a calendar which included days to be used to make-up days lost. Depending upon past experience, this number could range from three to ten days; and
2. The local education agency has modified its calendar by scheduling school on make-up days provided in the original calendar and by extending the school year three days beyond the previously scheduled closing date.

In considering applications for waivers, the State Board of Education may waive the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule if that day falls on a Monday (COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a)).

### **Executive Summary**

Calvert County Public Schools were closed on January 6, 2025, through January 8, 2025, and February 12, 2025, due to inclement weather. Calvert County Public Schools have identified March 3, 2025, June 12, 2025, June 13, 2025, and June 16, 2025, as inclement weather recovery days in its 2024-2025 School Calendar. Accordingly, the last day of the 180-day instructional requirement will be on Monday, June 16, 2025. Consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a), the one-day waiver will allow the school year to end on Friday, June 13, 2025.

### **Action**

Request that the Maryland State Board of Education approve the request to waive one day of the 180-day instructional requirement for Calvert County Public Schools ending the 2024-2025 school year on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 179 days consistent with COMAR 13A.02.01.04D(2)(a).

### **Attachments**

Waiver Request from Calvert County Public Schools



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**By Electronic Mail**

Dear Dr. Wright:

I am writing pursuant to COMAR 13A.02.01.04 to formally request a waiver for Calvert County Public Schools of the 180-day instructional requirement since the final day needed to complete the 180-day schedule would be a Monday.

The approved 2024–2025 school year calendar designates specific days to compensate for those lost due to inclement weather or emergency closures. According to the calendar, these makeup days include March 3, June 12, June 13, and any additional days added to the end of the school year. The last day for students in the original approved calendar was Wednesday, June 11.

Calvert County Public Schools were closed for students due to inclement weather on January 6, 7, 8, and February 12, 2025. As a result, the calendar has been adjusted to designate March 3, June 12, June 13, and June 16 as student days.

CCPS has made every effort to maximize instructional time and ensure that our students receive a high-quality education despite the inclement weather disruptions. With the last student day scheduled for Monday, June 16, CCPS is concerned that this timing could result in decreased attendance and engagement, thereby undermining the effectiveness of the instructional day.

The Board of Education of Calvert County approved this waiver request at its February 20, 2025 meeting. Thank you for considering our request for a waiver of one (1) school day due to the last instructional day falling on a Monday. CCPS is committed to maintaining the highest standards of education and believes that this waiver will enable us to better serve our students.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

Dr. Andraé Townsel  
Superintendent of Schools