

BCSD 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar

Days of the Week	Dates	Events
Thursday - Tuesday	August 7 -12	Teachers Return and Staff Development
Wednesday	August 13	First Day of School
Friday	August 29	1/2 Day Students; 1/2 Day Staff Development
Monday	September 1	Labor Day
Friday	September 12	Progress Reports
Oct. 10- End of Q1		
Monday	October 13	Teacher Workday/Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day
Friday	October 17	Report Cards
Friday	November 21	Progress Reports
Monday - Friday	November 24-28	Fall Break
Dec. 19 - End of Q2		
Friday	December 19	1/2 Day for Students and Teachers
Monday - Friday	December 22 - January 2	Winter Break
Monday	January 5	Teacher Workday
Tuesday	January 6	Students Return
Friday	January 9	Report Cards
Monday	January 19	MLK Jr. Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
Friday	February 6	Progress Reports
Friday	February 13	District Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day
Monday	February 16	Presidents' Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
Mar. 13 - End of Q3		
Monday	March 16	Teacher Workday
Friday	March 20	Report Cards
Friday	April 3	Staff Development/Inclement Weather Day
Monday - Friday	April 6 - 10	Spring Break
Friday	April 24	Progress Reports
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day
June 1 - End of Q4		
Monday	June 1	Last Day of School/Half Day for All Students/Report Cards
Tuesday	June 2	Last Day for Teachers/Teacher Workday

Berkeley County School District Instructional Calendar Highlights



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Inclement Weather Days

- October 13, 2025
- February 13, 2026
- April 3, 2026

Berkeley County School District is a SCDE approved eLearning district. The current provision allows BCSD to use up to five (5) eLearning days. Such eLearning days are for emergency situations, such as inclement weather or utility interruptions (power outages and water loss). eLearning days are not days planned on the calendar.

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Fall Break:

- Monday-Friday off for Thanksgiving

Winter Break:

- 11 instructional days off
- Last day with students is 12/19 (half day)
- Return with a teacher workday on 1/5
- Students return on 1/6

Spring Break:

- April 6 - 10

Quarters:

- Q1 - 42 days - Ends on 10/10
- Q2 - 44 days - Ends on 12/19
- Q3 - 46 days - Ends on 3/13
- Q4 - 48 days - Ends on 6/1

Semesters:

- S1 - 86 days - Ends on 12/19
- S2 - 94 days - Ends on 6/1

Year End:

- Students' last day is 6/1 (half day)
- Teacher workday is 6/2

South Carolina Department of Education Instructional Calendar Requirements

- The school term is 190 days annually and must consist of a minimum of 180 days of instruction covering at least nine calendar months.
- The opening date for students must not be before the third Monday in August, unless a waiver is granted by the SC Department of Education.
- All school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up.
 - All school districts shall designate annually at least three days within their school calendars to be used as make-up days in the event of these occurrences.
- Three days must be used for professional development.
- The instructional day for secondary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, excluding lunch. The school day for elementary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, including lunch.