

McDowell County Schools (MCS)

2026-27 School Calendar - McDowell County, North Carolina

First Day of School	Monday, August 24, 2026
Winter Break	Dec 21, 2026 - Jan 4, 2027
Spring Break	Mar 26, 2027 - Apr 2, 2027
Last Day of School	Friday, June 4, 2027

Student Holidays & Days Off

Sep 7, 2026	Labor Day
Nov 11, 2026	Veterans Day
Nov 25, 2026	Thanksgiving Break (workday)
Nov 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 27, 2026	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 24, 2026	Christmas Holiday
Dec 25, 2026	Christmas Holiday
Dec 28, 2026	Christmas Holiday
Jan 1, 2027	New Year's Day
Jan 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mar 29, 2027	Holiday in lieu of Good Friday
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day

Note: Traditional calendar approved March 9, 2026. 178 student days / 1,099.5 hours. Winter break: annual leave Dec 21-23 and 29-31, holidays Dec 24-25-28 and Jan 1, Jan 4 workday; students return Jan 5. Spring: Mar 26 workday, Mar 29 holiday (in lieu of Good Friday), Mar 30-Apr 2 annual leave;