

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

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AUTUMN UPDATE

As the new school year begins and the leaves start to turn, we're excited to reconnect with our community and share the new developments in our district. This season marks a fresh start filled with promise and potential for our students, educators, and families.

In this issue, we are updating you on the State of the District and the next steps we are taking for achieving schools of distinction by 2030. Mark your calendars to attend one of the Public Forums coming up. We also recognize our staff in this edition, the heart of our district!

We're eager to dive into another year of learning and growth, and we're grateful for the continued support of our dedicated community.

Here's to a successful and inspiring school year ahead!

CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

435 STANLEY AVENUE
CHAMBERSBURG, PA 17201

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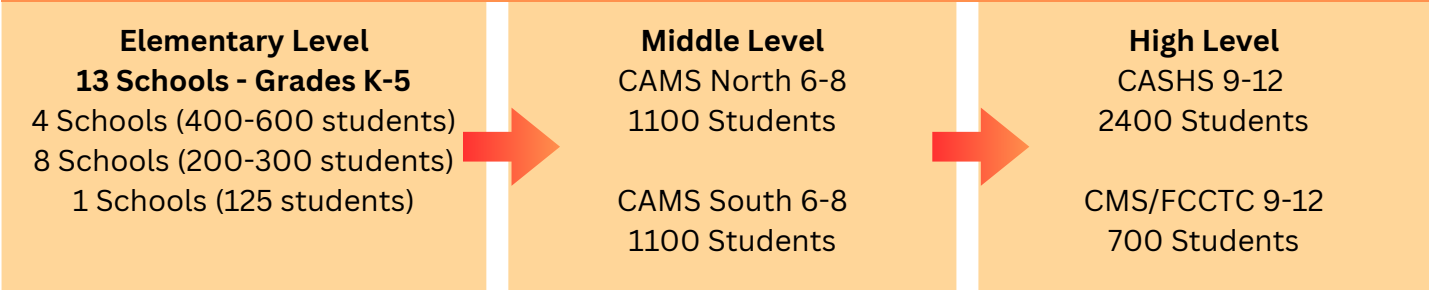
As mentioned in past communications and indicated in the State of the District Report presented in March 2024 , we have been diligently working on enhancing the CASD school system for ALL students to excel and succeed during their 13 years of tenure in the district and beyond graduation.

The facility feasibility study is expected to be completed by October 2024 and a recommended action plan will be presented to the School Board to support our 2030 Blueprint for Schools of Distinction in November. This presentation is culminating from a year-long study. See all presentations and the State of the District Report by visiting our website at <https://www.casdonline.org/domain/3272>.

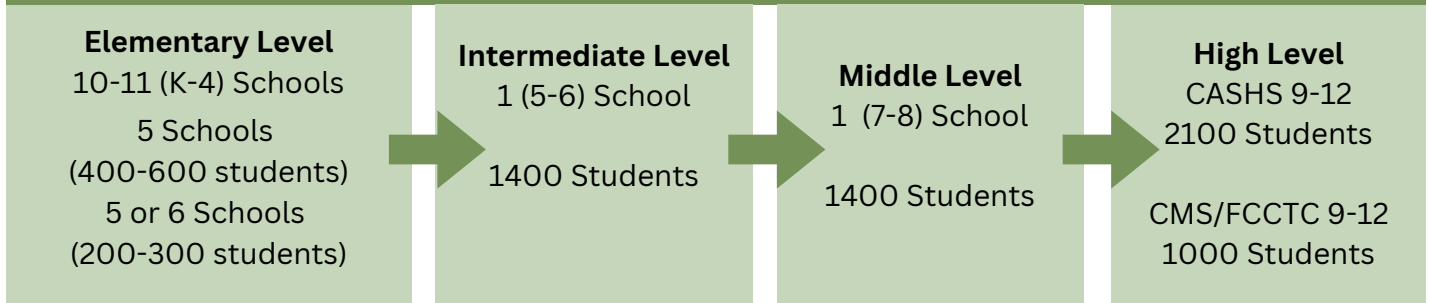
We have analyzed 6 grade span scenarios and have narrowed it down to 2 options to date. The next step will be to run the costs analysis along with the educational benefits. Whenever you consolidate facilities you save significant dollars on efficiencies. Option B in the chart below is the current favorite but that could change based on cost.



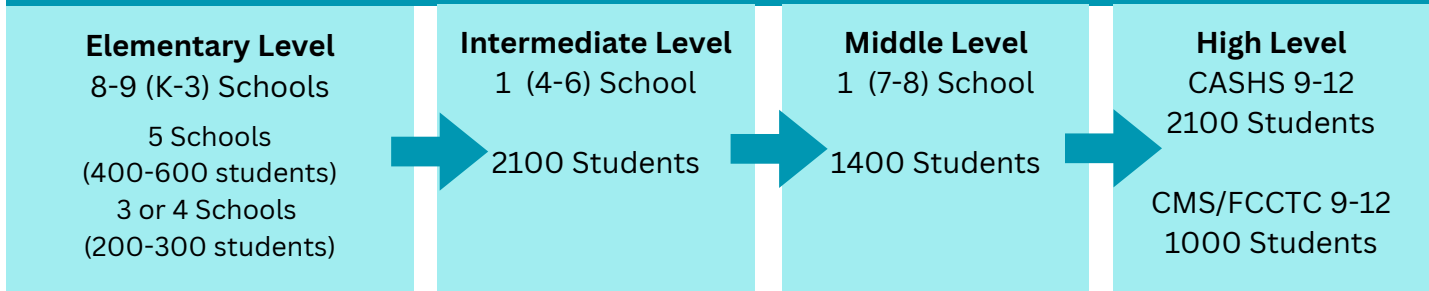
CURRENT GRADE CONFIGURATIONS AND ENROLLMENT



OPTION A



OPTION B



**PHASED
IMPLEMENTATION
EXAMPLE
TIMELINE**



The chart below shows how our district would benefit by choosing Option A or Option B grade configuration scenarios shown on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Benefits of Grade Configuration Scenarios	Option A	Option B
1. Comparable Elementary School Experience	1. <input type="checkbox"/>	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Update Middle School Facilities	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Redesign School Experience Opportunity	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Distributes Special Education Programs	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Collaboration and Project Spaces Included	5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gr 5-8	5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Adds Career Programs in Upper Grades	6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Opportunities for Focused Intervention and Services	7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Attract and Retain Employees	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Resources for all Students	9. <input type="checkbox"/>	9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Early Childhood Opportunities	10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Schools	10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Example of Building Configuration for Option B on Page 2

Each school is undergoing a study by the Architects and Staff. Although this is very early in the process, below is an example of the possibilities in the future!

Elementary 8 to 9 (K-3rd) schools

- Schools with no changes: Scotland, Hamilton Heights, Fayetteville, Ben Chambers, New Franklin, Marion, Stevens*, South Hamilton*
*Updates needed
- Build a New Grandview Elementary School K-3rd Grade (400-600 Students)
- Repurpose Buchanan, Lurgan, Guilford Hills, and Falling Spring to Early Childhood/Daycares, and Alternative Programs run by 3rd party providers.

Intermediate 1 (4th-6th) School

- Build Intermediate 4th-6th School on Greenvillage Parcel
- Convert CAMS South Site to a 4th-6th School
- Convert CAMS North Site to a 4th-6th School

Middle School 1 (7th-8th) School

- Build New 7/8th School on Greenvillage Parcel
- Convert CAMS South to a 7/8th School
- Convert CAMS North to a 7/8th School

High Schools 2 (9th-12th) Schools

- Addition to CMS for 300-400 Students
- Move CMS to CAMS North or CAMS South
- Partner with private industry to refurbish and convert an existing private facility



CHAMBERSBURG EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER ON THE SQUARE

One of the new supports being provided to students and families is the new Chambersburg Education and Engagement Center, scheduled to open this Fall. We are leasing the first floor of the F&M building downtown to support students new to the district, disengaged students, a central registration department, interpreters, readiness screeners, homeless, and attendance services in one location. We want you to “CEEC” (seek) engagement in Chambersburg schools!

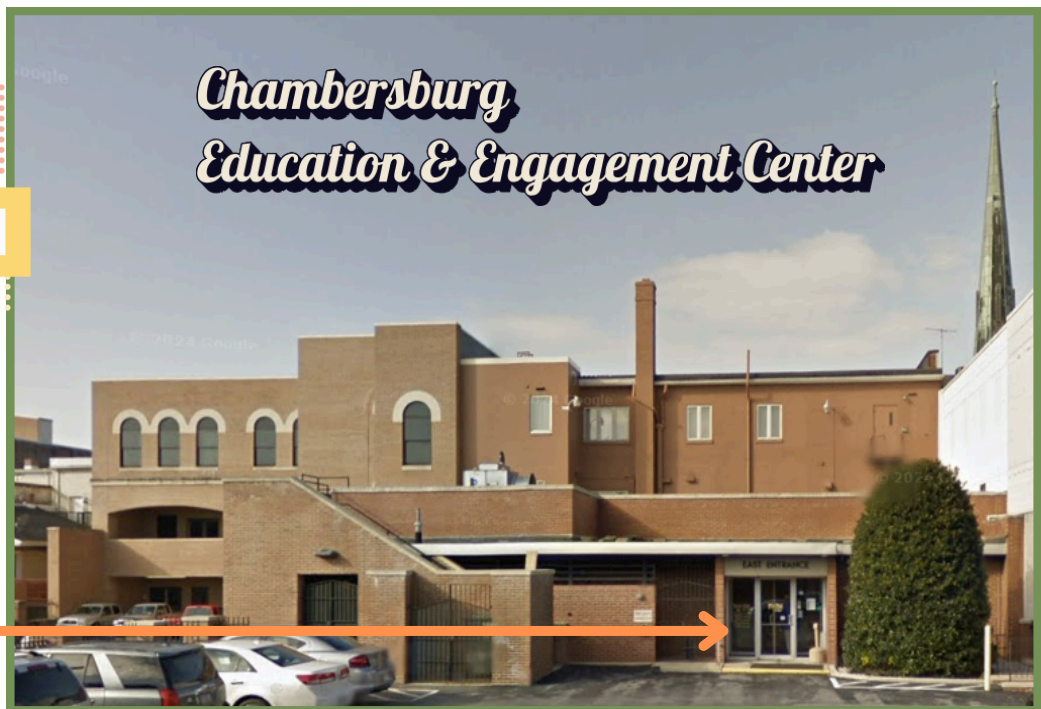


Opening
Fall of 2024

**COMING
SOON**

20 S. Main Street,
Chambersburg, PA

THE ENTRANCE WILL BE AT THE
BACK OF THE BUILDING.



FINANCIAL STANDING

Draft Allocations - 8.2 million in New State Money

Investments in People and Positive / Safe Environment

Investments in Facilities and our Community



Competitive Salaries in targeted Positions

15%

- Support Staff Positions
- Special Education, ESL and Hard to Fill Positions
- Bi-Lingual Staff
- Incentives and Retention Programs

Comparable Wages
\$1,230,000



Enhancements in Existing and Redesigned Programs

25%

- Intervention
- Behavior
- Content Specialists
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Staff
- Guidance Counselors

Essential Conditions
\$2,050,000



Student Performance



Investment in Facilities

35%

- Grade Configuration Changes and Updates

2037 Significant drop in debt (Debt Free 2040)

Efficient and Effective
\$2,870,000



Stabilize Property Taxes

25%

- Minimize tax increase not to exceed 2% annually for the next 3 to 5 years

Offset Local Taxes
\$2,050,000

For more information on our School District Educational Blueprint for Schools of Distinction by 2030, please visit our website at: <https://www.casdonline.org/domain/3272> or attend one of our upcoming Public Forums listed below. Each forum will begin with a 20-minute presentation, followed by an open Q&A Session. Each forum will include the same information so you only need to attend one of the forums. All parents/guardians, students, and community members are encouraged to attend and give feedback. These forums are designed to ensure that all voices are heard as we explore these changes and their impact on our schools and community.



Public Forum Dates

SEPTEMBER 23
CAMS S AUDITORIUM
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 21, 2024
FAYETTEVILLE GYM
7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 11, 2024
CAMS N AUDITORIUM
7:00 PM

DECEMBER 9, 2024
BOARD ROOM, DAO
7:00 PM



OPENING DAY CEREMONY

On August 20, 2024, all CASD employees joined together for the 2024/2025 Opening Day filled with collaborating and celebrating with each other. In the morning, all staff reported to their assigned buildings for team building events. At lunchtime, all employees joined in the CASHS Cafeteria for lunch provided by the VFW. We are so grateful that the VFW was able to donate and make lunch for our 1,000 employees! This was a huge undertaking on their part. They pulled volunteers from the ladies auxiliary and even their board members to help make this happen for our staff. Special recognition goes to Mr. Don Hershey, the VFW's cook who started cooking in the middle of the night. Their generosity to our district does not go unnoticed!



During the lunch break, vendor visits were available for employees to visit Patriot Federal Credit Union, 1st Ed Credit Union, Tardosky Agency, Heritage Financial, Blue Cross, Quest Services, and CASD Human Resources Department.



In the afternoon, the ceremony included all employees in the CASHS Auditorium for a special motivational speaker, Hamish Brewer who filled everyone's heart with compassion and excitement to start the school year. Two students, Sahira Morell, 12th Grade CMS student and Frank Castillo Barrientos, 11th Grade CASHS student spoke to our staff, giving them advice and motivation from a student's perspective. New employee introductions by building and department were recognized and long-time employees who reached milestone years of service were also recognized during the ceremony.



EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE

Please help us congratulate our seasoned employees who have reached milestone years of service at CASD. We are very proud to have dedicated long-term staff members who make a commitment every day to serve the Chambersburg area students.



L - R: Dawn Curtis, April Rhone, Louis Montney, Cody Marker, Amanda Sollenberger, Alexander Cormany, Suzanne Devaney, Megan Over, Claire Weber, Samantha Bennett, Mikala Duffield, Rebecca Petersheim, Corene Fahnestock, Scott Long, Kristin McBeth, Daniel Niess, Anna Offutt, Joey Reineman, Caitlin Ramsey, Paul Swope, Tina Snoko, Lori Hughes

Missing from picture: Gerald Bernecker, Nathan Bonner, Gary Carbaugh, Elizabeth Carlson, Wayne Group, Tiffany Gutshall, Megan Horner, Alexabel Ramos, Joseph Tosten III

L - R: Lora Dice, Andrea Bricker, Michele Martin, Hans Lehman, Heather Brown, Denise Fike, Cheryl Horn, Katy Paetow, Lisa Ocker, Rebecca Foote, Thomas Moore, Valerie Jones, Toni Laing, Julie Fiss, Jessica Prosser, Jennifer Jamelli, Shannon Pitt, Stephanie Parrett, Marci Walter, Michael Onomastico, Melissa Vanarsdale

Missing from picture: Kimberly Daywalt, Michele Hollar, Barbara Kelley, Joan Schoenberger, Bobbie Stine, Rodney Stumbaugh



L - R: Amy Vorhees, Kathleen Streletz, Amy Grant, Jennifer Evans, Kelly Hurley, Andrew Berrier, Shawn Shreffler, Mark Yost

Missing from picture: Michelle Black, Michele Natale, Terry Wiser



40 YEARS OF SERVICE

SANDRA J. WOODRING

Sandra J. Woodring, Head Cook Manager, started with CASD when she was 20 years old in September of 1983 in the food service department.

In 1993 she was hired as a floating head cook at Guilford Hills then in 1998 she transferred to Falling Spring as head cook. In 2022, Sandra made another transfer from Falling Spring to Head Cook Manager at Marion where she is currently working today.



45 YEARS OF SERVICE

MARK S. BYERS

Mark S. Byers, Groundskeeper, started at CASD in 1974 when he was an 8th grade student at Chambersburg Middle School. He was hired under the CETA (The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) Program to do custodial work for two hours after school and over the summer for four years.

After graduating from Chambersburg, Mark became an official full-time staff member on August 20, 1979 and made \$3.20/hour! It is often joked in the office that Mark received his badge and keys with his high school diploma!

Mark spent a large portion of his career at the former J. Frank Faust Junior High School now known as CAMS North as a custodian on day and night shifts. He joined the grounds crew in 2012 and he has been there ever since.

Besides being dedicated and reliable, he is often described as a versatile Swiss Army Knife. Along with his grounds crew duties, he subs as a custodian in the buildings whenever needed, he is skilled at lining athletic fields, he often fills in for mail runs, and most importantly he does whatever is asked of him and he does it with a great attitude and a smile on his face.

Congratulations to Mark S. Byers on serving the Chambersburg Area School District for 45 years and he is still working to this day. . . August 16, 2024!



NEW EMPLOYEES

Please welcome our new staff in each building who started with CASD in August! Our Human Resources Department was busy this summer getting these folks onboard and ready for the first day of school. Here's to wishing these staff members a great 2024-2025 school year and future at CASD!



Employee Name	Primary Job Title	Building
Belick, Nicole M	Teacher Children's Aid	Ben Chambers
Bretz, Mikayla D	Learning Support Teacher	Ben Chambers
Chandler, Caroline E	Long Term Substitute	Ben Chambers
Dann, Carolyn M	3rd Grade Teacher	Ben Chambers
Flohr, Jennifer N	Kindergarten Teacher	Ben Chambers
Piscatelli, Theresa M	2nd Grade Teacher	Ben Chambers
Cannon, Ayanna Y	2nd Grade Teacher	Buchanan
Hepner, Amber R	Food Service Assistant	Buchanan
Cook, Christina F	Food Service Assistant	CAMS North
Gustafson, Renee J	Food Service Assistant	CAMS North
Jimenez, Zoraida	Food Service Assistant	CAMS North
Martz, Ryan M	Emotional Support Teacher	CAMS North
Sease, Leslie A	Personal Care Assistant	CAMS North
Wisor, Barbara	Long Term Substitute	CAMS North
Butts, Wendy B	Food Service Assistant	CAMS South
Goddard, Amy E	Food Service Assistant	CAMS South
Kiprotich, Elizabeth G	Exploratory Lang.Tchr.	CAMS South
McMaster, Isabella E	Learning Support Teacher	CAMS South
Meyers, Hannah M	Teacher Assistant	CAMS South
Reed, Stephanie K	Mathematics Teacher	CAMS South
Shank, Kari A	Head Cook Manager	CAMS South
Cunningham, Renee M	Autistic Support Teacher	CASHS
Fisher, Jana L	Personal Care Assistant	CASHS
Gillman, Grace E	Teacher Assistant	CASHS
Gipe, Julie K	Personal Care Assistant	CASHS
Hansen, Ashleigh E	Teacher Assistant	CASHS
Hitchens, Katherine	Food Service Assistant	CASHS
Kohler, Elleora D	Learning Support Teacher	CASHS
Neil, Christina R	Food Service Assistant	CASHS
Perticone, Kimberly J	Teacher Assistant	CASHS
Robertson, Viktorya A	Agriculture Teacher	CASHS
Sharrah, Jarod M	ESL Teacher	CASHS
Souffrant, Perette	Food Service Assistant	CASHS
Tigyer, Madana L	Teacher Assistant	CASHS
Weiss, Zoe M	Science Teacher	CASHS
Zook, Bria D	Personal Care Assistant	CASHS
Crist, Greta R	English Lang.Arts Teacher	CMS

Employee Name	Primary Job Title	Building
Bowen, Lauren A	2nd Grade Teacher	Falling Spring
Patterson, Rachel	4th Grade Teacher	Falling Spring
Peckman, Anna O	Learning Support Teacher	Falling Spring
Streletz, Dale J	Music Teacher	Falling Spring
Chery, Elsie	Personal Care Assistant	Fayetteville
Davis, Tyson B	Food Service Assistant	Fayetteville
Snider, Catherine M	Food Service Assistant	Fayetteville
Stoner, Michele M	Teacher Assistant	Fayetteville
Benson, Megan N	3rd Grade Teacher	Guilford Hills
Graham, Mackenzie J	Kindergarten Teacher	Guilford Hills
Brookens, Ashley B	5th Grade Teacher	Hamilton Heights
Eby, Grace	Personal Care Assistant	Hamilton Heights
Gaus, Alyssa D	1st Grade Teacher	Hamilton Heights
Mosebrook, Alyssa B	Speech Therapist	Hamilton Heights
Mykhaliuk, Olha	Personal Care Assistant	Hamilton Heights
Savage, Jessica L	Teacher Assistant	Hamilton Heights
Smith, Alicia M	Food Service Assistant	Hamilton Heights
Sword, Gabrielle A	Personal Care Assistant	Hamilton Heights
Tamburini, Nichole P	Autistic Support Teacher	Hamilton Heights
Wink, Amanda C	4th Grade Teacher	Marion
Wright, Rachel M	School Counselor	Marion
Brewer, Sharon E	2nd Grade Teacher	New Franklin
Knepper, Taylor J	Food Service Assistant	New Franklin
Bowersox, Lauren L	Emotional Support Teacher	Scotland
Deets, Rebecca M	Licensed Practical Nurse	Scotland
Houser, Mark A	Food Service Assistant	Scotland
Koomson, Brenda	Teacher Assistant	Scotland
Thompson, Kaitlyn N	Learning Support Teacher	Scotland
Hill, Jennifer C	PT Instr Teacher Asst	South Hamilton
Johns, Kaitlin N	5th Grade Teacher	Stevens



2024-2025 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Administrative Offices
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Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201
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Board Approved - January 2024
2024-2025 Academic Calendar



AUGUST 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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19-21 Teacher In-Service,
Schools Closed
22 First Day for Students

SEPTEMBER 2024

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02 Labor Day Holiday, Schools
Closed
11 PD Staff Flex Day, Act 80 Day,
Schools Closed

OCTOBER 2024

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14 Columbus Day, Staff In-Service
Day, Schools Closed
23 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
25 End of First Marking Period

NOVEMBER 2024

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6-8 P/T Conferences K-5, 2 Hr.
Early Dismissal
11 Veterans Day, Schools Closed
27 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
28-29 Thanksgiving Break, Schools
Closed

DECEMBER 2024

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02 Thanksgiving, Schools Closed
03 PD Staff Flex Day, Schools
Closed
20 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
23-31 Christmas, Schools Closed

JANUARY 2025

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1-2 New Year's, Schools Closed
03 PD Staff Flex Day, Act 80
Day, Schools Closed
08 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
16 End of 1st Semester and
2nd Marking Period
20 MLK Day, Schools Closed

FEBRUARY 2025

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12 PD Act 80 Day, Schools Closed
12 Makeup Day w/2 Hr. Early
Dismissal
17 Presidents Day, Schools Closed
17 Makeup Day

MARCH 2025

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14 Spring Break, Schools Closed
14 3rd Makeup Day
19 PD Act 80 Day, Schools Closed
19 Makeup Day w/2 Hr. Early
Dismissal
25 End of 3rd Marking Period

APRIL 2025

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04 P/T Confs K-5 & 6-12 Plan-
ning, 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
17 2 Hr. Early Dismissal
18-21 Easter, Schools Closed

MAY 2025

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26 Memorial Day, Schools Closed
30 Tentative Last Day of School
30 End of 4th Marking Period

JUNE 2025

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02 Teacher In-Service, Schools
Closed
02 Makeup Day

KEY

- First Day for Students
- In-Service, Schools Closed Holi-
days, Schools Closed
- Act 80 Day, Schools Closed
- 2 Hr. Early Dismissal K-12
- P/T Confs/2 Hr. Early Dismissal
- End of Semesters and Marking
Periods
- Tentative Last Day for Students
(2 Hr. Early Dismissal K-12)

ACCESS/PSSA/KEYSTONE EXAM SCHEDULE

ACCESS for ELL - January-February 2025 TBD
PSSA - Eng Lang Arts April 21-25, 2025 Grades 3-8
PSSA - Mathematics, Science & Make ups - Apr. 28-May 2, 2025, Grades 3-8
Keystone Exams - Alg I, Bio, Lit- Jan. 6-17, 2025
Keystone Exams - Alg I, Bio, Lit- May 12-23, 2025

Inclement Weather/Emergency Days (provided
the cancellation is at least ten school days
before the next make-up day. Additional
makeup days beyond five days will be added at
the end of the school year.

