

LEGEND

- 1** First and Last Day of School
- 1** Student Holiday
- 1** Inclement Weather Make-up Day
OR Student Holiday
- 1** Early Release Days (Grades K–8)
- High School Final Exams (Grades 9–12)

AUGUST 2018

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2018–19 STUDENT CALENDAR

INFORMATION

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.

The calendar includes **two inclement weather make-up days**. If school is cancelled for bad weather, students will make up days as follows:

First day missed— Make up on Feb. 15; and

Second day missed— Make up on March 29.

Note: GCPS will make up any inclement weather days by using scheduled make-up days, Digital Learning Days, and/or extending the school day or year. Unused inclement weather make-up days will be student holidays.

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.gwinnett.k12.ga.us), on Twitter and Facebook, through SchoolMessenger, and via metro-Atlanta radio and television stations. Full-day cancellations usually are announced by 6 a.m.

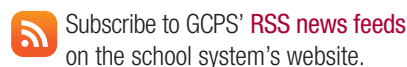
FIND OUT MORE

- Watch **GCPS TV** on the following cable stations, go online to stream live programs, or watch video on-demand (www.gcpstv.org):
 - AT&T U-verse Listed under Local Government
 - Charter Channel 180
 - Comcast Channel 24 or 26
- Sign up online for **eNews** (GCPS' monthly email newsletter).
- Check out **Parent Tips** and other resources on the Parent tab of the website.
- Attend **School Board meetings**, typically the third Thursday of each month.
- For stories about our schools, visit gcps-communicque.com.

FOLLOW US ONLINE

Keep up with school system news and current events online.

Look for these symbols on the home page at www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us.



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Safety First

The safety of GCPS students and staff is our highest priority. Here are some of the ways we do our best to ensure **Safety First**.

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.
- **Full-day cancellations are usually 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.

School Lockdown Schools go on lockdown when school officials and local law enforcement authorities decide that conditions outside or inside the school are unsafe.

- 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. No one may enter or leave the school until the lockdown is lifted. This may delay dismissal times.
- 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. No one may enter or leave the school while the lockdown is in effect. This may delay dismissal times.
- If your student's school is under a lockdown, **please do not go to the school**. Excessive traffic congestion could impede emergency responders who are working to provide a safe environment for students and staff. You will not be able to pick up your student until the lockdown has been lifted.
- Typically, **the school will communicate with families** to explain the situation that led to the lockdown.

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

- If there are concerns that conditions in the school may be unsafe, **the principal calls 9-1-1 and issues instructions to evacuate**.
- **Students and staff gather outside the building at a safe distance** and out of the way of emergency vehicles. All GCPS schools practice school evacuation ("fire drills") several times a year, so all students and staff know what to do and where to go.
- **It is important for students to remain with their teacher/class** during an evacuation so that school leaders can ensure all students are safe.
- **Once the school is judged to be safe, students and staff return to the classroom.**
- **If students will not be returning to school for dismissal, parents will be notified** of how students will be transported home or to a site off-campus where families can reunite.
- **If your student's school has been evacuated, please do not go to the school**. Excessive traffic could interfere with evacuation efforts and emergency response.
- During an evacuation, school staff are often busy working with students and first responders and may be unable to handle phone calls. Typically, **the school will communicate with families** to explain the situation that led to the evacuation. When possible, updates related to a school evacuation are communicated by both the school and district.

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



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.