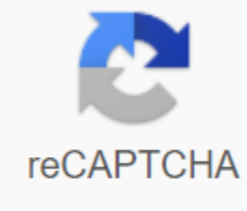




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## Broward county public school calendar 2020 to 2021

Sharon Aron Baron Prepare for children to have the week off next Thanksgiving because the Broward County School Board voted to approve an extended Thanksgiving vacation. Coral Springs families who would like to plan vacations or just spend the week relaxing can now do so because Broward County public schools will be closed in the week of November 23-27, 2020. That's not all, the school board also announced that the school would begin the 20/21 school year on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The first day for teachers is Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The new school year calendar follows the beginning of the current school year in the middle of the week. All calendar dates for the 2020/2021 school year from Wednesday, August 12 to Tuesday, 18 August 2020. 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Broward County Public Schools released the new school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year with several changes. The calendar details a later start date, the last day of the Muslim Holiday of Ramadan outside, and a week-long Thanksgiving break. Brianna Jesionowski's Chart The Broward County School Board approved a new school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year with some notable changes. The calendar includes a five-day Thanksgiving holiday, and also adds a day off on May 13 to the last day of Ramadan, a Muslim holiday. In previous years, as in the current school year, students and staff were only granted Wednesday to Friday off during the Thanksgiving break week. Next year will be the first instance where Broward County public schools have approved the five-day Thanksgiving vacation. I personally love the week break. Thanksgiving is a big deal in my family, so I'm either traveling or having a lot of people during that time, said freshman Kate Becker. It's much more relaxing now, since I'll be able to spend more time with my family and not have to run home. The calendar was designed by a committee composed of several representatives that the district chose, but was also open to the public for people interested in serving. Meetings were held once a month in the boardroom of the Kathleen C. Wright Management Building. To get the public contribution, the calendar committee produced an online poll for students, teachers, administrators, and district parents to choose their favorite calendar for the next school year. Respondents had to answer whether they were teachers, parents, students, administrators or others before they could choose between three separate plans for the 2020-2021 calendar. The three plans had some differences with a schedule opting for the first day of school on August 24, while the other two plans opted for a start date of August 19. The foreground was labeled Option 2, which detailed a school start date of August 19 and a final date on June 7 with a three-day Thanksgiving break. The second proposal was named Option 2A and offered a school start date of August 19 and a final date of June 9 complete with a week-long Thanksgiving break. The last choice, titled Option 3, featured a school start date of August 24 and a June 10 end date with a Three-Day Thanksgiving break. The Broward Teachers' Union was in strong support for the background, option 2A, which detailed the extended Thanksgiving break and the later start date. The union is made up of more than 11,500 teachers, and technical services professionals and is led by President Anna Fusco. It was definitely one of the most positive responses we've had on the calendar in a long time. I really think it's because of a longer break, Fusco said. The committee also declared May 13, 2021, as a day if there are no national test conflicts. May 13 marks Eid al-Fitr, the last day of a month's fast for the Muslim Holiday Ramadan that involves prayer, reflection and community. I am very grateful that the last day of Ramadan is finally out. Every year when Eid was in school, I missed my traditional celebration, which only happens twice a year, to attend school, so I don't miss my job, freshman Aisha Bashir said. Because of this, I lost a lot of quality time with friends and family in my mosque. To know now that Muslims have the opportunity not to miss a school day to celebrate their Eid day is wonderful. According to a study by the Council on American Islam Relations, there are currently 17,721 Muslims under the age of 18 living within the boundaries of Broward County. Another recent survey, conducted by Emerge USA, found that 89% of Broward's Muslim, Arab-American and South Asian residents keep their children at school home on these Muslim holidays. This day should have been cancelled long ago, because all races deserve to have a special and traditional day off, even Muslims, Bashir said. Although I wish the last day of Ramadan had been gone a long time ago, I still think it's fair that we have that day off now. Muslim students, parents and teachers made their voices heard at a council meeting on October 22, 2019, in support of school day off. Some participants described the struggle of having to choose between school and celebrating their vacation. The day is marked with an asterisk because May is the start of national testing and there could potentially be a conflict with the dates. Since we're one of the largest districts in the country, we pay for the tests. We can ask for another date for students to take tests, but we've had a lot of push from our parents. I think they're afraid that their kids won't be able to do it or make up for it, Fusco said. Our Muslim population is large, and students want to be able to respectfully honor their tradition and religion, and you know they won't take away from school. In addition to the extended break, the newly developed schedule pushes the first day of class back five days, from August 14 to August 19. As a result, the last day of school will be moved back to June 9, while this school year will end on June 2. The start dates of the classes are chosen throughout the state test. This means that the opening day should be based around when the test is at the end of the year, as testing must be done within a certain period before the year ends. While no school calendar is ideal for working parents, the 2020-2021 calendar begins on a Wednesday, making it difficult for parents to find childcare as the of the fields are for a week, not two days. The elongated Thanksgiving break also adds two days parents will need to organize something for their children. Deanna Robbins, a working mother with two jobs from an elementary school student and a freshman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas School, feels different. I'm not worried about childcare because I know that camps and other companies will adapt their schedules to the school calendar, Robbins said. In fact, I love the Thanksgiving break for a week because many students miss that Monday and Tuesday anyway due to travel plans. Many students are mentally on vacation in these two days, even if they are present. Although the calendar contained several notable changes, many elements of the calendar remained unchanged, such as a two-week winter break, a week of spring break, and a day off for Election Day. This story was originally published in the March 2020 print edition of Eagle Eye. Lily Singer Broward County Public Schools 2020/21 School Calendar August Wednesday, August 12 to Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Employee Planning (no school for students) Wednesday, August 19, 2020, First Day of School Monday, September 7, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Friday, September 11, 2020, Interim Reports Issued Monday, September 28, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Thursday, October 8, 2020, Employee Planning, No School for Students Monday, October 12, 2020, Early Release Day Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Early Release Day Friday, October 16, 2020, Early Launch Day Monday, October 1, 2020, Employee Planning (no school for students) Tuesday, 3 November 2020, Staff Planning (no school for students) Wednesday, November 11, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Thursday, November 12, 2020, Bulletins issued Tuesday, November 17, 2020, Interim Reports Issued Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Schools Closed Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices closed Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Monday, December 23, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Monday, December 23, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Schools Closed Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31, 2020, Schools and Administrative Offices closed Friday, January 1, 2021, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed January 7, 2021, Early Release Day Monday, January 18, 2021, Schools and Administrative Offices closed Wednesday, February 3, 2021, Bulletins issued Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Provisional Reports issued Monday, February 15, 2021, Schools and Administrative Offices closed Thursday, February 18, 2021, Early Release Day Thursday, March 18, 2021, Employee Planning (no school for students) Monday, March 22, 2021, Friday, March 26, 2021, April School Holidays Friday, April 2, 2021, Schools and Administrative Offices closed Thursday, April 8, 2021, early release day Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Bulletins issued Thursday, April 29, 2021, Interim Reports issued Monday, May 13, 2021\* Monday, May 31, 2021, Schools and Administrative Offices Closed Wednesday, June 9, 2021, Early Release Day/Last School Day Thursday, June 10, 2021, Staff Planning (no school for students) Wednesday, June 30, 2021, Bulletins issued hurricane makeup days in order of preference: October 16, 2021 January 7, 2021 February 18, 2021 March 18, 2021 April 8, 2021 June 9, 2021 \* May 13, 2021, can be a day without a school for students, depending on the schedule of exams. Review approved by the School Board, October 1, 2020. 2020.

