

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
April 17, 2025

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

- C. Approval of the school calendars for the Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science for 2025-2026 school year

Executive Summary

The Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science request the approval of their 2025-2026 school calendars, which include a minimum of 180 instructional days, as well as professional days and school holidays.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | 2025-2026 CALENDAR (proposed)

JULY '25

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4 Independence Day
31 Senior Move-in day (by appointment)

30 Senior Move-in day (by appointment)
31 Junior Move-in day (by appointment)
31 Teachers Report

1-5 Holiday Break

5 Teachers report, Students return to MSA
6 Classes begin, Third 9 weeks
9 Report Cards mailed
16 Go home weekend
19 Students return to MSA
19 M.L. King Day (Holiday)
24 Preview Day (school day)
30 Go home weekend

JANUARY '26

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AUGUST '25

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1 Classes Begin
2-3 Orientation – mandatory
15 Go home weekend
17 Students return to MSA
29 Go home weekend

1 Students return to MSA

6 Progress Reports mailed
13 Go home weekend
15 Students return to MSA
27-28 Auditions (only Arts Ambassadors stay) – dismiss at 12 noon

FEBRUARY '26

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SEPTEMBER '25

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1 Students return to MSA
1 Labor Day (Holiday)
5 Progress Reports mailed
19 Parent Visitation, Go home weekend
21 Students return to MSA

6 Go home weekend

9-13 Spring Break
15 Students return to MSA
18 Fourth 9 weeks begins
21 Prom (63% attendance)
25 Report Cards mailed

MARCH '26

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OCTOBER '25

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7 Go home weekend (60% day)
8-10 Fall Break
12 Students return to MSA
13 Second 9 weeks begins
17 Report Cards Mailed
24 Go home weekend
26 Students return to MSA

2 Go home weekend

3-6 Easter Break
6 Students return to MSA
17 Awards Day, 1 pm
17 Go home weekend
24 Progress Reports mailed

APRIL '26

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7 Go home weekend
9 Students return to MSA
14 Progress Reports mailed
21 Go home weekend
24-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
30 Students return to MSA

1 Go home weekend

3 Students return to MSA
16 New Student Day (school day)
20 Last Day of School
21 Graduation, 2 pm
25 Memorial Day
28 Report cards mailed
31 Summer Camp

MAY '26

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19 Go home
22-31 Holiday Break

1-5 Summer Camp

JUNE '26

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2025-2026 MSDB School Calendar

July 2025						
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August 2025						
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Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	
July 4	Independence Day
July 28	New Staff & Mentor/Mentee Training
July 29-30, Aug 1	Professional Development Days
Aug 4	First Day of School for Students
Sept 1	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 10	Progress Reports
Oct 15	Report Cards
Oct 6-10	Fall Break
Nov 12	Progress Reports
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 7	Report Cards
Jan 16	Professional Development Day
Jan 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
Feb 4	Progress Reports
Feb 16	Presidents' Day Holiday
Mar 9-13	Spring Break
Mar 18	Report Cards
April 3-6	Easter Break
Apr 15	Progress Reports
May 11	Professional Development Day
May 22	Graduation
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
May 26	Report Cards
May 27	Last Day for Students
May 28	Professional Development Day

January 2026						
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April 2026						
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June 2026						
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Semester 1 Instructional Days - 89

Semester 2 Instructional Days - 91

Total Instructional Days - 180

Semester 1 Teacher Days - 93



Semester 2 Teacher Days - 94



Total Teacher Days - 187



Semester 1 Professional Development Days - 3

Semester 2 Professional Development Days - 4

Total Professional Development Days - 7

 School Closed
 Classes Resume

 Professional Development (No School for Students)
 First and Last Days of School

 Progress Reports/Report Cards
 New Staff & Mentor/Mentee Training

JULY 2025

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4 Independence Day



1-2 Winter Holidays

- 5 PD/Faculty Contract Day 4
6 Classes Begin (3rd Quarter)
19 Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Extended Weekend
20 Classes Resume

JANUARY 2026

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Instructional Days: 18
AUGUST 2025

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Instructional Days: 20

- 1 Professional Development
Faculty Contract Days 1
2 Junior Move-in
3 Senior Move-in
4 Opening Convocation/
Classes Begin (1st Quarter)
10 Ceremony of Lights
23 Family Day
Faculty Contract Day 2

- 1 MSMS Application Deadline
16 **Extended Weekend**
17 Classes Resume
21 Application Review/
Faculty Contract Day 5

FEBRUARY 2026

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Instructional Days: 19
SEPTEMBER 2025

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Instructional Days: 21

- 1 Labor Day Holiday/
Extended Weekend
2 Classes Resume

9-13 Spring Break

- 16 Classes Resume
18 3rd Quarter Ends
19 **4th Quarter Begins**
21 MSMS Interview Day
24 Make-up Interview Day
27 Final Selection

MARCH 2026

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Q3: 45 Days
Instructional Days: 17
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Q1: 45 Days
Instructional Days: 21

- 6 1st Quarter Ends
7 **2nd Quarter Begins**
13-14 **Fall Break (No Classes)**
14 **Faculty Contract Day 3**
15 Classes Resume

3-6 Easter Holiday

- 7 Classes Resume
25 New Student Orientation
Faculty Contract Day 6

APRIL 2026

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Instructional Days: 20
NOVEMBER 2025

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Instructional Days: 15

24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays



- 14 Tutorial Day
15, 18-20 Exams
21 Make-Up Exam
Day/Residence Halls Close
22 **Faculty Contract Day 7**
23 Graduation/
Faculty Contract Day 8
25 Memorial Day Holiday

Spring Semester:

89 Instructional Days
96 Faculty Contract Days

MAY 2026

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Q4: 44 Days
Instructional Days: 15
DECEMBER 2025

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Q2: 46 Days
Instructional Days: 14

- 1 Classes Resume
11 Tutorial Day
12, 15-17 Exams
18 Makeup Exams/
End of 2nd Quarter
20 – 31 Winter Holidays

Fall Semester:

91 Instructional Days
94 Contract Days

19 Federal Holiday

Total Instructional Days: 180
Total Faculty Contract Days: 190

*Two additional faculty contract days for 2 extra MSMS weekend events...

- Junior Move-in Day
- Middle School Science Bowl
- MSMS Quiz Bowl or Robotics
- Weekend Field Trip
- Prom or Winter Formal
- Other events as approved

JUNE 2026

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