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### 2010-2011 Houston County School System Calendar

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – At the end of the school year, the Houston County Board of Education approved a revised 2010-2011 school calendar. The calendar was reduced six days due to state budget cuts. The **first day of school for students is Monday, August 9, 2010**, and the last day of the school year will be Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Students will attend school for 178 days, two days less than the traditional 180-day school year. Teachers will work 184 days versus the usual 190-day contract.

Planning the school calendar also took into consideration the following:

- ✓ State and national testing dates.
- ✓ Dividing the school year as close as possible to 89 days per semester.
- ✓ Ending the first semester before Christmas break so that students take finals at the end of the semester instead of after the break.
- ✓ All students have the same calendar. All teachers have the same calendar.
- ✓ Teachers have six planning days scheduled.
- ✓ The following federal holidays are observed: Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Martin Luther King Day.

The 2010-2011 school calendar follows.

- July 29– August 3, 2010.....Staff Off Due to Budget Cuts
- August 4 - 6, 2010.....Pre-Planning
- **August 9, 2010.....First Day of School**
- September 6, 2010.....Labor Day Holiday
- October 11, 2010.....Columbus Day Holiday
- October 12, 2010.....Staff Off / Student Holiday
- November 11, 2010.....Veterans Day Holiday
- November 22 – 26, 2010.....Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 17, 2010.....Last Day of Semester
- December 20 – 31, 2010.....Christmas Holiday

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- January 3, 2011.....Teacher Work Day, Student Holiday
- January 4, 2011.....Second Semester Begins
- January 17, 2011.....Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 17 - 18, 2011.....Winter Break
- February 21, 2011.....Staff Off / Student Holiday
- March 28 - April 1, 2011.....Spring Break
- April 22, 2011.....Spring Holiday (Easter April 24)
- **May 25, 2011.....Last Day of School**
- May 26 - 27, 2011.....Post-Planning

The 2010-2011 school calendar is posted to the home page of the HCBOE Web site at <http://www.hcbe.net/>. From the home page, click on “School Calendar.”

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