



AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Item Briefing Number:	VIII-B
Meeting Date:	July 13, 2020
Subject:	Adoption of the Revised 2020-21 Academic Calendar
Policy or other reference:	Policy IC/ID: School Year/School Day

Background: Per School Board Policy IC/ID School Year/School Day, the School Board will establish the division's calendar, which will include at least 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours.

Discussion: On March 9, 2020, the School Board adopted the 2020-21 Academic Calendar, five days prior to school closing on March 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, the board voted unanimously on June 25, 2020 to move the first day of school from Tuesday, August 4 to Tuesday, August 18. This delayed start for students will maximize preparation of safety and learning experiences for students. For most 10-month (or less) employees, the return date for staff will now be Monday, August 3.

For the 2020-21 school year, Staunton City Schools will be providing two learning options for the majority of students including virtual and blended learning, both of which will provide instruction four-days a week (Tuesday-Friday). Mondays will be used by staff for deep cleaning of buildings, preparation for remote and in-person instruction, professional development and communication with students/families. With the delayed start date, the modified 4-days a week instructional schedule, and in keeping the last day of school as May 20, 2021, the revised 2020-21 Academic Calendar will provide for 143 total teaching days which is below the mandatory 180 teaching days or 990 teaching hours. Per the Virginia Department of Education, we anticipate the mandatory minimum number of teaching days/hours will be waived for the FY21 school year. Depending on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic, we may be request a revision to this proposed academic calendar at a later date in the school year.

Suggested Motion: I move that the School Board approve the Revised 2020-21 Academic Calendar as presented.



★	First Day of School	□	Graduation
⬡	Last Day of School	■	No School for Students
■	Holiday	⬆	Report Cards Out
■	Pre-Service	■	End of Nine Weeks

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Academic Calendar: 2020-21

July							August							September							October						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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November							December							January							February						
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March							April							May							June						
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First Day for Teachers
 August 3, 2020

School Opens
 August 18, 2020 (PK-12)

First Term Ends
 December 18, 2020

Second Term Starts
 January 5, 2021

Last Day of School
 May 20, 2021

Graduation
 May 15, 2021

Total Teaching Days (143)
 (68 -1st Semester)
 (75- 2nd Semester)

- Pre-Service: August 3-17

Report Cards Distributed
 October 20
 January 12
 March 16
 End of Year

Holidays-No School for Students

September 7

November 2, 24- 27

December 21-31

January 1 & 18

March 29-31

April 1-2