

Viola Public Schools Calendar 2016-17

-By Arkansas law, teachers' contracts are 190 days and must include a minimum of six days (36 hours) of professional development, 178 days of student interaction, and two parent-teacher conferences.

-The remaining four contract days are to be utilized by the administration the week before school starts. One of those four days will include the Elementary Open House / Seventh Grade and New Student Orientation.

June 1-August 5	Five days (30 hours) of Professional Development (PD)
August 8-12	Staff Development (at least 6 hours PD and 12 hours working in classrooms)
August 11	Elementary Open House-6pm / Seventh Grade & New Student Orientation-6:30pm
August 15	First Day of School
September 5	SCHOOL CLOSED for Labor Day
<u>September 9</u>	<u>Progress Reports</u>
September 20	School Election Day (Early voting is September 13-19 at the Courthouse in Salem)
October 14	1 st Quarter Ends (44 days)
<u>October 20</u>	<u>Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Conferences</u> – 2 to 6pm
November 9	Annual Public Meeting – 5 pm
<u>November 11</u>	<u>Progress Reports</u>
November 14	SCHOOL CLOSED
November 23-25	SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break
December 15-16	First Semester Tests / 2 nd Quarter Ends (41 days / 85 semester days)
December 19-January 1	SCHOOL CLOSED for Christmas Break
January 2	Second Semester Begins
<u>January 5</u>	<u>Report Cards</u>
<u>February 3</u>	<u>Progress Reports</u>
February 28	Grades 11 ACT Exam
March 10	3 rd Quarter Ends (50 days)
<u>March 16</u>	<u>Report Cards / Parent-Teacher Conferences</u> – 2 to 6 pm (date subject to change)
March 20-22	SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break (Makeup Days #8-10)
March 23-24	SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break
April 3-7	Iowa Testing – Grades 1, 2
April 10--May 12	Window for Grades 3-8 & 10 ACT Aspire Exam
<u>April 13</u>	<u>Progress Reports</u>
April 14	SCHOOL CLOSED for Good Friday (Makeup Day #1)
May 1-12	AP Testing
May 17-18	Semester Tests / 4 th Quarter Ends (43 days / 93 semester days / 178 Total Days)
May 19	Last Day for Teachers
May 19-26	Makeup Days #2-7

Any days cancelled for inclement weather will be made up in the order listed below (if available).

1. Good Friday (April 14th)
2. Add days after the May 18th closing date prior to Memorial Day
3. Spring Break (Monday first, then Tuesday, and finally Wednesday – Thursday & Friday are not scheduled as makeup days, but may be used as such if determined necessary by the school board due to an excessive number of inclement weather days.)

Options that will be considered by the School Board after scheduled makeup days are exhausted:

- attendance waiver from the Arkansas Department of Education
- attending during the remaining two Spring Break days
- adding more days after Memorial Day
- longer school days
- Saturdays