

Students in the Harlan County School District will open the 2011-2012-school year on Wednesday August 10th. This will be a full day for students.

Classes begin and end on the following schedule, with first bells normally ringing 5 to 10 minutes prior to the time listed below for the start of classes.

Black Mountain Elementary - 7:45 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Cawood Elementary – 7:40 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Cumberland Elementary – 7:45 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Evarts Elementary – 7:50 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

Green Hills Elementary – 7:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Harlan County High School – 7:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

James A. Cawood Elementary School – 7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Rosspoint Elementary – 7:50 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Wallins Elementary – 7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Important dates for the upcoming year include:

- August 8 - Flexible Professional Development for Teachers
- August 9 - Opening Day for Teachers
- August 10 - First Day for Students – Full Day
- September 5 - Labor Day Holiday – No School for Students or Teachers
- November 7 - Flexible Professional Development for Teachers – No school for Students
- November 8 - Election Day – No School for Students or Teachers
- November 23 - Flexible Professional Development for Teachers – No School for Students
- November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Teachers
- November 25 - No School for Students or Teachers
- December 22 to January 2 - Christmas Vacation
- January 3 - Students and Teachers Return from Christmas break
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Day – No School for Students or Teachers
- February 20 - Flexible Professional Development for Teachers – No School for Teachers (Possible Make Up Day for students)
- April 2 – April 6 - Spring Break (Possible Make Up Days)
- May 9 - Last Day for Students - Full Day
- May 10 - Closing Day for Teachers
- May 22 - Election Day
- May 28, 2012 Memorial Day
- May 11 – June 15 (Possible Make Up Days)

Grading periods are according to the following schedule for elementary schools:

- 1st Nine Weeks Ends October 10, 2011
- 2nd Nine Weeks Ends December 14, 2011
- 3rd Nine Weeks Ends February 29, 2012
- 4th Nine Weeks Ends May 9, 2012

Grading periods are according to the following schedule for Harlan County High School:

- 1st Trimester Ends October 28, 2011
- 2nd Trimester Ends February 6, 2012
- 3rd Trimester Ends May 9, 2012

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Also, students and parents are encouraged to monitor the district's website for calendar updates throughout the year which may occur due to inclement weather. The website is www.harlan.kyschools.us.