

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**April 18, 2024**

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

- D. 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

JULY '24						
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4 Independence Day

1-6 Holiday Break  
 6 Teachers report  
 6 Students return to MSA  
 7 Classes begin, Third 9 weeks  
**10 Report Cards mailed**  
 17 Go home weekend  
 20 Students return to MSA  
 20 M.L. King Day (Holiday)  
**25 Preview Day (school day)**  
 31 Go home weekend

JANUARY '25						
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AUGUST '24						
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1-2 Teachers Report  
 2-3 Move in days by appt  
 4-5 Orientation - mandatory  
 6 BHS & MSA Classes Begin  
 16 Go home weekend  
 18 Students return to MSA  
 30 Go home weekend

2 Student return to MSA  
 14 Go home weekend  
**14 Progress Reports mailed**  
 17 Students return to MSA  
 17 President's Day Holiday  
**28** -1 Auditions (only Arts Ambassadors stay) – dismiss at 12 noon

FEBRUARY '25						
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SEPTEMBER '24						
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2 Students return to MSA  
 2 Labor Day (Holiday)  
 6 Progress reports mailed  
**20 Parent Visitation, Go home weekend**  
 22 Students return to MSA

1 - Auditions  
 6-7 9 weeks tests  
 7 Go home weekend  
 10-14 Spring Break  
 16 Students return to MSA  
 21 Fourth 9 weeks begins  
**21 Report Cards mailed**  
 22 Prom (63% attendance)  
 28 Go home weekend  
 30 Students return to MSA

MARCH '25						
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OCTOBER '24						
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2-3 9 weeks tests  
 3 Go home weekend  
**4-7 Fall Break (Holiday)**  
 7 Students return to MSA  
**8 Second 9 weeks begins**  
**11 Report Cards Mailed**  
 18 Go home weekend  
 20 Students return to MSA

17 Awards Day, 1 pm  
 17 Go home weekend  
 21 Students return to MSA  
 18, 21 Holiday Break  
 21 Students return to MSA  
**25 Progress reports mailed**

APRIL '25						
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NOVEMBER '24						
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1 Go home weekend  
 3 Students return to MSA  
**15 Progress Reports mailed**  
 22 Go home weekend  
**25-29 Thanksgiving Holiday**

9 Go home weekend  
 11 Students return to MSA  
**17 New Student Day (school day)**  
 20-23 Final exams  
**21 Last Day of School**  
 23 Graduation, 2pm  
**26 Memorial Day**  
 28 Report Cards mailed

MAY '25						
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DECEMBER '24						
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1 Students return to MSA  
 18-21 Semester exams  
 21 Go home  
 23-31 Holiday Break

1-6 Summer Camp  
182 Days of instruction  
187 Days for Teachers

JUNE '25						
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**Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science – 2024-2025 Calendar (subject to change)**

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**4,5 Independence Day**

1-2 Winter Holidays  
 3 PD/Faculty Contract Day 5  
 6 **Classes Begin (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)**  
 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Day of Service**  
 21 Classes Resume

JANUARY 2025						
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**Instructional Days: 19**

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1-2 Professional Development  
 Faculty Contract Days 1-2  
 3 Junior Move-in  
 4 Senior Move-in  
 5 Opening Convocation/  
**Classes Begin (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)**  
 11 Ceremony of Lights

**Instructional Days: 20**

1 MSMS Application Deadline  
 17 **Extended Weekend**  
 18 Classes Resume  
 22 Application Review/  
 Faculty Contract Day 6

FEBRUARY 2025						
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**Instructional Days: 19**

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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2 **Labor Day Holiday/ Extended Weekend**  
 3 Classes Resume  
 21 Fall Family Day  
 Faculty Contract Day 3

**Instructional Days: 20**

10-14 **Spring Break**  
 17 Classes Resume  
 18 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends  
 19 **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins**  
 22 MSMS Interview Day  
 25 Make-up Interview Day  
 27 Final Selection

MARCH 2025						
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**Q3: 45 Days**  
**Instructional Days: 16**

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7 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends  
 8 **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins**  
**14-15 Fall Break (No Classes)**  
 15 Faculty Contract Day 4  
 16 Classes Resume

**Q1: 45 Days**  
**Instructional Days: 21**

18-21 **Easter Holiday**  
 22 Classes Resume  
 26 New Student Orientation  
 Faculty Contract Day 7

APRIL 2025						
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**Instructional Days: 20**

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25-29 **Thanksgiving Holidays**

**Instructional Days: 16**

15 Tutorial Day  
 16,19-22 Exams  
 22 Make-Up Exam  
 Day/Residence Halls Close  
 23 Faculty Contract Day 8  
 24 Graduation/  
 Faculty Contract Day 9  
 26 **Memorial Day Holiday**

MAY 2025						
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**Q4: 45 Days**  
**Instructional Days: 16**

**Spring Semester:  
90 Instructional Days**

DECEMBER 2024						
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2 **Classes Resume**  
 12 Tutorial Day  
 13, 16-18 Exams  
 19 **Makeup Exams/ End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
 20 – 31 **Winter Holidays**

**Q2: 46 Days**  
**Instructional Days: 14**

**Fall Semester:  
91 Instructional Days**

19 **Juneteenth Holiday**  
**Total Instructional Days: 181**  
**Total Faculty Contract Days: 190**

\*One additional faculty contract day for an extra MSMS event...  
 -MSMS Move-in Day(s)  
 -Science Bowl  
 -MSMS Quiz Bowl  
 -MSMS Robotics

JUNE 2025						
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