

**DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CALENDAR  
2008-2009**

Beginning July 1, 2008.....Pre-registration for All New Students – DPS Administration Annex  
105 North Thornton Avenue, 706/876-4050

Monday – Thursday, August 4-7.....Professional Learning

Wednesday, August 6..... Student Orientation – ALL SCHOOLS  
- *Grades K-5:* 8:30am – 9:30am  
- *Grade 6:* 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
- *Grades 7-8 (new to DPS only):* 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
- *Grade 9:* 10:00am – 1:00pm

Friday, August 8 ..... First Day of School

Monday, September 1..... Labor Day Holiday

Friday, September 5..... End First Month (20 days)

Wednesday, September 17..... Parent-Teacher Conferences PK-5, 9-12 (Early Dismissal for ALL Students)

Wednesday, October 3..... End Second Month (40 days)

Friday-Monday, October 10-13..... Staff & Student Holiday

Tuesday, October 14 ..... Professional Learning/Student Holiday

Wednesday, October 22..... Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 (Early Dismissal for ALL Students)

Wednesday, November 5..... End Third Month (60 days)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday..... Thanksgiving Holidays  
November 26, 27, 28

Monday, December 8..... End Fourth Month (80 days)

Friday, December 19..... Early Dismissal for Students  
End First Semester (89 days)

Monday, December 22..... Winter Holidays Begin

Monday, January 5..... Professional Learning/Student Holiday

Tuesday, January 6..... Classes Resume After Winter Holidays

Monday, January 19..... Staff & Student Holiday

Wednesday, January 21..... End Fifth Month (100 days)

Monday-Friday, February 16-20..... Mid-Winter Break

Wednesday, February 25..... End Sixth Month (120 days)

Tuesday, March 3..... Parent-Teacher Conferences PK-5, 9-12 (Early Dismissal for ALL Students)

Wednesday, March 25..... Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 (Early Dismissal for ALL Students)

Wednesday, March 25 ..... End Seventh Month (140 days)

Friday, April 10 – Friday, April 17 ..... Spring Holidays

Thursday, April 30..... End Eighth Month (160 days)

Monday, May 25..... Memorial Day Holiday

Friday, May 29..... \*\*End Second Semester (91 days)  
\*\*End Ninth Month (180 days)  
DHS Graduation

Monday-Thursday, June 1-4..... Professional Learning

1st Semester - 89 days

2nd Semester - 91 days

- \* Dalton Middle School Report Cards based on nine week grading period
- \*\* Graduation date and the last day of school can be affected by make-up days. Georgia Law (20-2-168(c)) states:  
 "In the event that at the end of the last complete week of the school year four or fewer days remain for completion of the regular 180 day school year, a local board of education may, without the necessity of authorization from the state board, elect not to continue school into the following week if the additional days otherwise needed are the result of days when school was closed due to emergency, disaster, act of God, civil disturbance, or shortage of vital or critical material, supplies, or fuel. In any such case, the school year applicable to that local board of education may terminate, in the discretion of the local board, at the end of the last school day of the last complete week of the school year."

***Elementary Schools***

**Six Weeks Periods End**

**Report Card Dates**

1st - Friday, September 19	Thursday, September 25
2nd - Wednesday, November 5	Wednesday, November 12
3rd - Friday, December 19	Friday, January 9
4th - Wednesday, February 25	Wednesday, March 4
5th - Friday, April 9	Thursday, April 23
6th - Friday, May 29	Thursday, June 4

***Dalton Middle School***

**Nine Weeks Grading Periods End / Report Card Dates**

1st -Thursday, October 9	Thursday, October 23
2nd -Friday, December 19	Friday, January 9
3rd -Wednesday, March 18	Thursday, March 26
4th -Friday, May 29	Thursday, June 4

**Progress Reports Issued**

Wednesday, September 11  
 Tuesday, November 18  
 Tuesday, February 10  
 Wednesday, April 29

***Dalton High School***

**Semester Ends**

**Semester Report Cards**

1st - Friday, December 19	Friday, January 9
2nd - Friday, May 29	Thursday, June 4

**Six Weeks Periods End**

**Progress Reports Issued**

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***Parent-Teacher Conferences***

**(Early Dismissal for ALL Students)**

Wednesday, September 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences PK-5, 9-12
Wednesday, October 22	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8
Tuesday, March 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences PK-5, 9-12
Wednesday, March 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8

**(Early Dismissal for Students/Professional Learning)**

Wednesday, September 17	Wednesday, October 22
Friday, December 19	Tuesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 25	