



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
3rd Street, Sinkor  
MONROVIA, LIBERIA



## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 2017–2018**

All basic and secondary schools (Grades 1–12) must operate within the period from **September 4, 2017 to July 6, 2018**.

- This calendar stipulates the minimum school calendar. Schools are encouraged to conduct academic and extracurricular activities outside of these days.
- Early childhood education (ECE) schools are encouraged to operate for a longer period. (See ECE Academic Calendar for more information.)
- Market days, bereavements, or other events must not stop schools from operating.

### **NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

All private, faith-based and parochial schools are required to operate for the dates set out on in this national calendar (though they may operate for a longer period).

- Non-government schools must submit their instructional academic calendar and information sheets to the Office of the District Education Officer for approval by the County Education Officer.

### **NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

The Presidential and Representative elections will be held on October 10.

- Absolutely no national political campaign activities are permitted on school campuses.
- Schools will be closed for the day of the election (for one day only).
- If there is a subsequent run-off election scheduled, schools will also close on that day. Again, this closure will be for one day only.

### **PRE-OPENING ACTIVITIES**

- August 7–31, 2017: Registration
- August 24, 2017: National Flag Day
- August 31 – September 1, 2017: Orientation



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**FIRST SEMESTER:**

**Monday, September 4, 2017 – Friday, February 2, 2018**

<b>FIRST MARKING PERIOD</b>	
<b>Monday, September 4 – Friday, October 20, 2017</b>	
Monday, September 4	First day of school
Friday, September 8	National Literacy Day (working holiday)
Monday, October 2 – Friday, October 6	National Teachers' Week
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b>	<b>National elections (schools closed for one day)</b>
Wednesday, October 11	International Day of the Girl Child (working holiday)
<b>SECOND MARKING PERIOD</b>	
<b>Monday, October 23 – Friday, December 8, 2017</b>	
Tuesday, October 24	United Nations Day (working holiday)
<b>Thursday, November 2</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day (national holiday)</b>
Friday, November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development (working holiday)
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b>	<b>W.V.S Tubman's Birthday (national holiday)</b>
Sunday, December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
<b>THIRD MARKING PERIOD AND EXAMS</b>	
<b>Monday, December 11, 2017 – Wednesday, February 7, 2018</b>	
<b>Friday, December 22 – Tuesday, January 2</b>	<b>Christmas vacation</b>
Wednesday, January 3	Classes resume
Wednesday, February 7	Last day of first semester
<b>Thursday, February 8 – Friday, February 9</b>	<b>Semester break (continuing professional development activities encouraged)</b>



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**SECOND SEMESTER**

**Tuesday, February 13 – Friday, July 6, 2018**

<b>FOURTH MARKING PERIOD:</b> <b>Tuesday, February 13 – Wednesday, April 4, 2018</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	<b>Armed Forces Day (national holiday, celebrated on Monday, February 12)</b>
Tuesday, February 13	First day of second semester
Thursday, March 1	African School Feeding Day (working holiday)
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>	<b>Decoration Day (national holiday)</b>
<b>Thursday, March 15</b>	<b>J. J. Roberts' Birthday (national holiday)</b>
<b>Thursday, March 29 – Monday, April 2</b>	<b>Easter holiday</b>
<b>FIFTH MARKING PERIOD:</b> <b>Thursday, April 5 – Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>	
<b>Friday, April 13</b>	<b>National Fast and Prayer Day (national holiday)</b>
April 25	World Malaria Day (working holiday)
<b>Monday, May 14</b>	<b>Unification Day (national holiday)</b>
Friday, May 25	Africa Day (working holiday)
<b>SIXTH MARKING PERIOD AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS</b> <b>Wednesday, May 23 – Friday, July 6, 2018</b>	
Saturday, June 16	Day of the African Child
Tuesday, June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (working holiday)
Tuesday, July 11	World Population Day (working holiday)
Friday, July 20	Last day of second semester
<b>Graduation dates are contingent on the release of WAEC and WASSCE results</b>	