

Annual Plan for College Operations during the December Holiday Break 2025-26

This plan implements Tidewater Community College's policy on college operations over the extended break that occurs annually around the Christmas and New Year state holidays for the 2025-26 academic year.

Background

With the additional holiday leave time previously granted by the Governor, TCC's 2025-26 December holiday break is scheduled to begin at noon on Wednesday, December 24th, and conclude with the opening of the college at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 2nd.

Implementation

To affect the college's policy on holiday break operations over the 2025-26 December recess, TCC will implement the following activities. College vice presidents will determine the appropriate levels of staffing in the operating units under their respective purview necessary to implement the activities listed below.

1. All college offices will be open through noon on Wednesday, December 24th, meeting the college's policy intent of being open for at least one-half day following commencement.
2. Student Affairs and OIS support will be available to conduct business throughout the break except for December 25th and January 1st.
3. To assist the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer and the respective pathway deans in tracking enrollment progress during the holiday break, the Office of Information Systems will post weekday Class Status and Enrollment Cancellation reports in non-update and update modes, depending on the enrollment cancellation schedule.
4. Following the conclusion of the holiday break, the campus student services, academic division, business offices, and bookstore locations will remain open until 6:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday in the week prior to the beginning of classes and throughout the first week of classes and until 5:00 p.m. on Fridays in those weeks. Per the college's practice, campuses will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for enrollment-related activities on the Saturday before classes begin.

The Director of Public Relations and Marketing will ensure:

1. that signage advising students and the public of the college's operations over the holiday break is designed and provided to the campuses and other college locations by December 1st; and

2. that an appropriate level of marketing activities promoting Spring semester enrollment is scheduled throughout the 2025-26 December holiday break.

Full-time employees who work over the holiday break in support of the plan delineated above will be compensated at their hourly equivalent salaries. Wage employees who work over the holiday break will be compensated at one-and-a-half times their normal hourly salary rates. The Associate Vice President for Human Resources will provide the process for reporting holiday break hours worked by classified and wage employees. Faculty-ranked employees' holiday break compensation will be documented using the college's special pay process.