

GHANA EDUCATION SERVICE

2019/20 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FOR

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

DOUBLE-TRACK & SINGLE-TRACK SCHOOLS

All You Need to Know

- ❖ The basic principle of the academic calendar is that every track of students will have 8 months of contact time in a 12 month calendar year.
- ❖ In the case of the 2019/2020 academic calendar it is **September 2019 to August 2020**.
- ❖ Students in both Double-Track and Single-Track schools receive their 8 months minimum in the 12 month cycle.
- ❖ Semester 2 for Single-Track schools is five (5) months: January 5th to June 5th, 2020. This includes statutory breaks for national holidays and a mid-semester break.
- ❖ Double-Track schools, each track of students will have their 8 months of schooling by the end of August 2020.
- ❖ First Semester for Form 2 Gold ends on May 8th. Second Semester for Form 2 Gold students is: May 11th, to August 28th, 2020.
- ❖ Form2 Gold will break for Easter and will also have mid semester break in June 2020.
- ❖ The Double-Track calendar allows for uninterrupted period of academic work for Form 3 students.
- ❖ To provide additional time for Form 3 students on both Single and Double track schools to prepare for their final examinations, they return on January 5th and stay till June 4th, 2020 (end of WASSCE).
- ❖ The 2019/2020 Free SHS Academic Calendar is well thought out and with input from key stakeholders.

Contact time has been increased from 1,080 under the trimester to 1,134 hours under the semester system and the double-track calendar.

2019/2020 SHS ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FORM	FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER			
	IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION	
	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO
3	**25th Aug. 2019	20 th Dec. 2019	21 st Dec. 2019	4 th Jan. 2020	5 th January, 2020	5 th June, 2020	WASSCE COMPLETED	
(SINGLE-TRACK)	16 th Sept. 2019	20 th Dec. 2019	21 st Dec. 2019	4 th Jan. 2020	5 th January, 2020	5 th June, 2020	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR	
1 & 2 (GREEN – 1 ST SESSION)	16 th Sept. 2019	7 th Nov. 2019	8 th Nov. 2019	5 th Jan. 2020	2 nd March, 2020	8 th May, 2020	9 th May, 2020	30 th June, 2020
1 & 2 (GREEN – 2 ND SESSION)	6 th Jan. 2020	28 th Feb. 2020	2ND SEMESTER BEGINS		2 nd July, 2020	28 th Aug. 2020	1 ST SEMESTER 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS	
FORM 1 GOLD	12 th Nov. 2019	28 th Feb. 2020	1 st March, 2020	13 th May, 2020	9 th May, 2020	28 th Aug. 2020	29 th Aug. 2020	1 st Week of Nov. 2020
FORM 2 GOLD	12 TH Nov. 2019	20 th Dec. 2019	21 st Dec. 2019	28 th Feb. 2020	1 st March, 2020	28 th Aug. 2020	29 th Aug. 2020 to 1 st Week of Nov. 2020	

MID SEMESTER BREAK – FIRST SEMESTER
8TH NOVEMBER, 2019 – 11TH NOVEMBER, 2019

SHS 2 Gold will have a 1 week break June 27th to 12th July 2020 for 2nd Semester

MID SEMESTER BREAK – SECOND SEMESTER
9TH APRIL, 2020 – 13TH APRIL, 2020

DOUBLE TRACK SCHOOLS

First Semester

Second Semester

SHS 3

END OF SCHOOL

SHS 2
GREEN

VACATION

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SHS 1
GREEN

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SHS 1
GOLD

VACATION

VACATION

16th Sep.
2019

7th Nov.
2019

20th Dec.
2019

28th Feb.
2020

8th May
2020

2nd July
2020

28th Aug.
2020

SINGLE TRACK SCHOOLS

