

Midway Independent School District

Action: Consent Agenda: X
Presentation: Information:
Supporting Documents: X Date for Consideration: December 17, 2024



Subject: 2025-2026 Academic Calendar Adoption

MISD Board of Trustees: December 17, 2024

Agenda Item – 7A7

Background Information

In October, a poll was distributed to MISD staff and parents through Parent Square to prompt their feedback on considerations for the upcoming school year calendar. The responses to the poll provided data that was used to determine trends for calendar drafts. Additional hiring and professional learning needs of Midway staff were considered in the design of the calendar, as well as the distribution of professional learning dates. District-level committees met to review the calendar options and make adjustments. The following priorities were incorporated into the 2025-2026 calendar drafts:

Holiday preferences identified by respondents:

- Full week for Thanksgiving
- Two full weeks for Winter Break
- End before Memorial Day
- Match Baylor/MCC Holiday Schedules
- Consider a Fall Break
- Consider a late Winter Break

Instructional needs identified by respondents:

- First day of school on Wednesday or later
- Balance the number of days in the Fall and Spring Semesters
- Balance the number of days in each 6 weeks. Make 1st 6 weeks shorter if needed
- Time in August for new and returning staff to plan together for instructional purposes
- Professional Learning sessions are provided closer to the date of classroom implementation
- Professional Learning sessions are offered after all new employees have been hired
- Embedded time in August (not June/July) to provide both district and campus professional learning to take place before the start of school
- Workdays for teachers before the start of school and throughout the year when possible, to allow time to prepare their classrooms and lesson plans
- Professional learning opportunities are provided throughout the year to address teacher and student needs.

The drafts were reviewed by the following committees:

November 4, 2024 - Teaching and Learning Directors

November 4, 2024 - Exec Team

November 5, 2024 - District Leadership Team - Exec Team, Principals, Directors, Coordinators

November 6, 2024 - Midway Advisory & Strategy Team (MAST) - Parents, Community Members, Business Reps, Teachers

November 19, 2024 - School Board Presentation

Following the November board meeting presentation, a survey was sent to Midway employees to poll their preference of the three calendar drafts. More than four hundred employees participated in the poll. 54.5% of respondents chose Draft A, with Draft B at 23.7% and Draft C at 21.8%. Draft A is most similar to our current 2024-2025 calendar, which we have had a positive experience with this year. The major difference between this year's calendar and the proposed calendar was to balance the 6-week grading periods in the first semester.

Fiscal implications

None

Administration Recommendation

Adopt Calendar A as the 2022/2026 Academic Calendar

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