

WORK SESSION BOARD REPORT

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dave Bernhardson, Superintendent

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2025



TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: ISD 199 Academic Calendar 2026-2027 / Legislative Update

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Monday, June 23, 2025

REPORT

The ISD 199 academic calendar is generated and perspective is gained through the Teacher Meet & Confer Process on Spring Break placement. Below are several calendar options taken into consideration when drafting the school year calendar.

Academic Calendar Considerations

- Federal Holidays
- New Staff Week
- All Staff Week
- Quarter/Semester Total Staff & Student Days
- First Week of School
- Fall Conferences
- MEA Teachers' Convention
- Winter Break
- Winter Conferences
- Spring Break
- Last Week of School
- Professional Development Opportunities

The school board typically approves the academic calendar drafts in April, but the upcoming 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years' start and end dates are affected by late Labor Day holidays in both years.

Legislative Special Session 2025

The K-12 Education Working Group met on June 2. The working group finalized an agreement over the prior weekend and will introduce it as a bill when the Special Session convenes.

A key provision of the Legislative Special Session K-12 Education Agreement includes:
Allowing districts to begin the school year on September 1 or later for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years only.