

Academic Calendar 2027-28 School Year

Board Meeting

September 14, 2026



Timeline

September	● Receive input on calendar preferences gathered from the Board ● Conduct a poll for staff and families to capture preferences calendar features ● Review other district calendars to consider options
October	The calendar committee convenes to review input and generate calendar options based on feedback and state requirements
November	Proposed calendars brought to the Board of Trustees as a Discussion Item Conduct staff and family survey on preferences form proposed options
December	Survey results shared with Board members The Board votes on 2027-28 academic calendar as an Action Item.

State Parameters & Guidelines

- Must not begin prior to the 4th Monday in August
(District of Innovation Plan allows this to be waived)
- Must not end prior to May 15th
- House bill 2610 (84th Legislature) - Altered instructional requirements from days of instruction to minutes
 - **75,600 minutes of instruction**
 - TEC requires minimum of 187 days of service for teachers
 - Two bad weather days or additional minutes to cover two days
- Staff professional learning counts toward instructional minutes (up to 2,100 mins)
- Staff work time does not count toward instructional minutes



Reminder from January 2026

- The Board approved the adjustment to the instructional day by 10 minutes to a 445-minute instructional day
- The length of day is similar to neighboring districts
- Length of the instructional day directly impacts overall calendar flexibility

Key Variables We Can Control

*Each choice made has a ripple effect

Calendar Features

- Start and end dates
- Days in a semester
- Conclusion of 1st semester
- Conclusion of end of year
- Dates of school holidays and breaks
- Length of holiday breaks
- Number of staff work and PL/PLC days

This year, we will conduct a poll for staff and families in the September newsletter to capture calendar feature preferences based on flexibility provided by the 445-minute schedule.



Other Considerations

- As many student learning days as possible while still providing staff adequate professional learning and work days
- Consider strategically placed staff PLC and work days
- Consider Election days for safety (November & March)
- Balanced instructional days per nine weeks and semester
- Balance the needs of the students, staff, and community while considering all factors
- Substantial minutes to account for emergencies/unknowns that could impact instruction minutes by campus or district

Themes from Prior Input from Board

- Maintain current school holidays
- Implement calendar options with a mid-week beginning to school
- Provide a 5-day Thanksgiving Break for students
- Conclude first semester prior to winter break
- Schedule 2 full weeks, with 3 weekends, for winter break
- End school prior to Memorial Day
- Balance 1st and 2nd semester as much as possible
- Limit student ½ days (attendance, child care, CTE funding)