



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: River Trails Board of Education
From: Dr. Jodi Megerle - Superintendent; Kristine Seifert - Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning
CC: Lisa Sulek - Human Resources; Bob Kastner - RTEA President
Re: Initial Draft for 2027-28 School Calendar Recommendations

Process:

As charged in the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and River Trails Education Association, the Teaching & Learning Council (TLC) of RTSD26 representative of all district schools, is presenting a draft school calendar recommendation for the 2027-28 school year.

Timeline:

While the calendar does not need to be formally submitted to the board until April 1st, the committee felt making a recommendation earlier in the year would allow for better future planning for district families, teachers and staff. The committee understands the final calendar adoption is made by the BOE. We are asking for the Board to both review the proposal in October with a final vote at the November 2026 BOE meeting.

Important Considerations:

The TLC reviewed the D214 and D207 approved calendars for 2027-28 and reviewed final agreements from contract negotiations indicating 176 actual student attendance days. The TLC committee also reviewed calendar guidance from ISBE as well as staff feedback gathered by TLC committee members. An effort was made by the TLC committee to maintain a consistent calendar to allow for predictability for the staff and community. One difference in the 2027-28 calendar is that our two high school districts set conflicting winter break schedules, making full alignment impossible. Ultimately, the committee recommended an uninterrupted, two-week winter break, feeling it was best for our students.

Recommendation:

Please see the attached copy of the calendar recommendation for the 2027-28 school year.

Start Date:

- Tues. August 17, 2027 (Teachers)
- Thurs. August 19, 2027 (1-8 Grades) - NO LATE START
- Fri. August 20, 2027 (Kindergarten) - Aug. 19 Meet and Greet
- Mon. August 23, 2027 (Pre-Kindergarten) - Aug. 20 Meet and Greet

Institute Days:

- Tues. August 17, 2027
- Wed. August 18, 2027
- Mon. January 3, 2028
- Thurs. April 13, 2028

Winter and Spring Break:

- Monday December 20, 2027- Monday, January 3, 2028 (Staff Institute Day)
- Mon. Mar. 27, 2028 - Fri. Mar. 31, 2028

Parent Teacher Conferences:

- Thurs. November 4, 2027 noon - 8 PM
- Wed. April 12, 2028 noon - 8 PM

End Date:

- Wed. May 31, 2028 (June 7th w/5 emergency days)**

Working Days:

This calendar proposal includes 176 ACTUAL student attendance days and 182 staff work days as determined by the negotiated agreement.



River Trails School District 26 2027-2028 Calendar



August 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

October 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

November 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

December 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

January 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

February 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29			

March 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

April 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

May 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

June 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

July 2028				
M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Calendar Legend	
 	Non-Attendance Day
 	Holiday (No School)
 	Institute Day (No School)
 	Early Release
 	Late Arrival Thursday
 	Full Day Conferences (No School)
 	Emergency Days (if needed)

Important Dates	
Aug. 19	First Day of School, 1st-8th
Aug. 20	First Day of School, K
Aug. 23	First Day of School, Pre-K
Nov. 2	Parent -Teacher Conf.
Nov. 12	1st Trimester Ends
Feb. 25	2nd Trimester Ends
April 12	Parent -Teacher Conf.
May 31	Tentative Last Day of School 3rd Trimester Ends
June 7	Last Day of School if emergency days used

Holidays/Non-Attendance	
Aug. 17-18	Institute Days
Sept. 6	Labor Day
Oct. 11	Columbus/Indigenous People's Day
Nov. 4	Parent Teacher Conf.
Nov. 5	Non-Attendance Day
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving
Dec. 20 - Jan. 3	Winter Break
Jan. 3	Institute Day
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 21	Presidents' Day
Mar. 27-31	Spring Break
April 12	Parent Teacher Conf.
April 13	Institute Day
April 14	Holiday
May 29	Memorial Day

School Hours			
	Regular	Late Arrival	Early Dismissal
PT	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	9:50 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Euc	8:50 a.m.-3:40 p.m.	9:40 a.m.-3:40 p.m.	8:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m.
IG	8:50 a.m.-3:40 p.m.	9:40 a.m.-3:40 p.m.	8:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m.
RTMS	7:40 a.m.-2:58 p.m.	8:30 a.m.-2:58 p.m.	7:40 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Report Cards Windows:

Trimester 1	November 12, 2027	58 Days
Trimester 2	February 25, 2028	59 Days
Trimester 3	May 31, 2028	59 Days