Wharton County Junior College

Board of Trustees
Agenda Item

Date of Board Meeting: November 17, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the 2027 – 2028 Academic Calendar

Background and Rationale:

Each year, the WCJC Board of Trustees approves the Academic Calendar for the upcoming academic year, pursuant to Administrative Procedure EA, *Development of the Academic Calendar, Exam Schedule, and Catalog.*

Attached is the 2027 – 2028 Academic Calendar for Approval.

Budgetary Implications: No cost to the institution.

Resource Personnel: David A. Byrd, Vice President of Access, Completion, and Transfer

Approval:

Cabinet-Level Member

10/21/26

President

Academic Calendar 2027-2028

Fall Semester, 2027

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Fall Registration Opens	April 7
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Fall Semester	June 1
21 Week Classes Begin	July 19
Official Opening Day of the Semester	August 16
College Convocation	August 16
17 Week Classes Begin	**August 16**
17 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	August 16 – 17
Early Residence Hall Move-In	August 20
Official Residence Hall Move-In	August 22
16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin	**August 23**
First 8 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	August 23 – 24
16 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	August 23 – 27
Labor Day Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	September 6
14 Week Classes Begin	**September 7**
14 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	September 7 – 8
16 Week Census Date	**September 8**
Financial Aid Freeze Date	September 9
Financial Aid Pell Disbursement Date	September 13
Constitution Day Observed (classes meet as scheduled)	September 17
Last Day to Drop – First 8 Week Classes	October 1
Fall Break (no classes; offices and library closed)	October 11
First 8 Week Final Exams	October 14
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends	**October 15**
Mid-Semester Begins	October 18
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	**October 18**
Second 8 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	October 18 – 19
Last Day to Drop – 14 Week Classes	November 5
Last Day to Drop – 21 Week, 17 Week, and 16 Week Classes	November 12
Last Day to Drop – Second 8 Week Classes	November 23
Thanksgiving Holiday (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	November 24 – 26
Residence Halls Open	November 28
Graduation Application Deadline	December 1
Complete Withdrawal Deadline	December 1
Final Exams	December 2 – 9
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close	December 10
21 Week, 16 Week, 14 Week and Second 8 Week Classes End	**December 10**
Winter Break (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	December 20 – January 4

Spring Semester, 2028

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Spring Semester	November 1
WINTER MINI SESSION	
Winter Mini Registration Opens	November 3
Winter Mini Classes Begin Late Registration and Schedule Changes	**December 13**
Winter Mini Final Exams	December 29
Winter Mini Ends	**December 30**
SPRING REGULAR SEMESTER	
Spring Registration Opens	November 3
College Offices Reopen	January 5
Official Opening Day of the Semester	January 10
17 Week Classes Begin	**January 10**
17 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	January 10 – 11
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open	January 17
Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	January 17
21 Week, 16 Week, and First 8 Week Classes Begin	**January 18**
First 8 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	January 18 – 19
16 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	January 18 – 21
14 Week Classes Begin	**January 31**
14 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	January 31 – February 1
16 Week Census Date	**February 2**
Financial Aid Freeze Date	February 3
Financial Aid Pell Disbursement Date	February 7
Staff Professional Development Day (no classes; offices and library closed) Texas Community College Teachers Association Convention	TBD
Last Day to Drop – First 8 Week Classes	February 25
First 8 Week Final Exams	March 9
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends	**March 10**
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close	March 10
Spring Break (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	March 13 – 17
Residence Halls Open	March 19
Mid-Semester Begins	March 20
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	**March 20**
Second 8 Week Late Registration and Schedule Changes	March 20 – 21
University Interscholastic League Day (no classes; all offices open)	TBD
Last Day to Drop – 21 Week, 17 Week, and 16 Week Classes	April 12
Easter Holiday (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	April 14 – 17
Residence Halls Open	April 17
Graduation Application and Commencement Application Deadline	April 25
Last Day to Drop – 14 Week and Second 8 Week Classes	April 28
Complete Withdrawal Deadline	May 3
Final Exams	May 4 – 11
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close	May 12
Spring Semester Ends	**May 12**

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Commencement	**May 11 – 13**
21 Week Final Exams	June 15
21 Week Part of Term Ends	**June 16**

Summer Semester, 2028

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Summer Semester	April 1
MAY MINI SESSION	
May Mini Registration Opens	April 5
May Mini Classes Begin Late Registration and Schedule Changes	**May 15**
Last Day to Drop	May 26
Memorial Day Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	May 29
May Mini Final Exams	May 31
May Mini Ends	**June 1**
SUMMER REGULAR SEMESTER	
Summer Registration Opens	April 5
11 Week Classes Begin Late Registration and Schedule Changes	**May 22**
First 5 Week Classes Begin Late Registration and Schedule Changes	**June 5**
Financial Aid Freeze Date	June 14
Financial Aid Pell Disbursement Date	June 19
Last Day to Drop – First 5 Week Classes	June 29
Independence Day Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	July 4
First 5 Week Final Exams	July 6
First 5 Week Part of Term Ends	**July 7**
Second 5 Week Classes Begin Late Registration and Schedule Changes	**July 10**
Last Day to Submit Application for August Graduation	July 20
Last Day to Drop – 11 Week Classes	July 21
11 Week Final Exams	August 3
11 Week Part of Term Ends	**August 4**
Last Day to Drop – Second 5 Week Classes	August 4
Second 5 Week Final Exams	August 9
Second 5 Week Part of Term Ends	**August 10**