NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: 2026-2027 District Instructional Calendar

Related Page(s): NEISD Website

ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The two 2027–2028 North East Independent School District (NEISD) Instructional Calendars presented for consideration were developed through a five-phase process:

1. Stakeholder Survey (October 5–13, 2026): The Office of Strategic School Improvement in collaboration with the Office of Research and Planning distributed a calendar survey questionnaire to the parents and district staff via Qualtrics to gather foundational feedback and stakeholder priorities.
2. District Calendar Design Committee (October 19, 2026): The Office of Strategic School Improvement convened the third annual District Calendar Design Committee, comprising campus and central office representatives across multiple departments. Three working groups created distinct calendar drafts, each meeting the minimum requirement of 175 instructional days. Following group presentations, committee members voted to select the top two options to advance for campus-wide voting.
3. Campus Staff Review & Voting (October 26–30, 2026): To facilitate an informed voting process, the Office of Strategic School Improvement collaborated with the Office of Research and Planning and the Office of Management Information Systems (MIS) to produce an instructional overview video, supporting documentation, and side-by-side calendar comparisons. Staff members were required to review these resources before casting their vote via a secure Qualtrics survey.
4. District Educational Improvement Council Review (November 4, 2026): The Office of Strategic School Improvement presented the two calendar options, comparison documents, and final campus voting results to the NEISD District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC).

Both calendars are presented for consideration. The proposed calendars fall within the legal guidelines established by the State of Texas and NEISD's legal policy. Daily student instructional minutes, academic priorities, bad-weather days, and holidays were considered in creating both calendar options.

As defined by the 84th Legislative session, all calendars comply with HB 2610 guidelines, including a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instruction for the school year. The calendars do not include the use of T.E.A. waiver days.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The campus results are as follows:

- **Calendar A: *Pending Results***
- **Calendar B: *Pending Results***
- On Wednesday, November 4, 2026, the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC), composed of teachers, school administrators, parents, and community members, convened to review campus results and submit their final calendar vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the campus-recommended ***Pending Results*** calendar for the 2027-2028 NEISD District Instructional Calendar based on the information presented.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval