

NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: 2025-2026 District Instructional Calendar Related Page(s): NEISD Website

ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The two North East Independent School District 2025-2026 Instructional Calendars presented were developed in three distinct phases:

- **1.** A calendar survey questionnaire was sent to our community via Qualtrics; the survey window opened on Friday, October 4, 2024, and closed on Monday, October 14, 2024.
- 2. The Office of Learning Support Services created our first District Calendar Design Committee comprised of campus and central office staff from various departments. They created four calendars (2- 177-day Calendars and 2- 180-day calendars; both calendar options ended after Memorial Day). A third calendar was crafted to capture the community's recommendation for an end date before Memorial Day.
- **3.** Our NEISD District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) voted for two calendars. The Office of Learning Support Services sent both options additional reference materials (i.e., calendar side-by-side, calendar video, and calendar options) to campuses for voting purposes. The calendar voting window opened on Monday, November 18, 2024, and closed on Tuesday, December 2, 2024.

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 no less than 75,600 minutes of instruction for the school year. The calendars do not include the use of T.E.A. waiver days.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

On Monday, November 18, 2024, the Office of Learning Support Services provided each NEISD campus two calendar options for the 2025-2026 school year. Campus principals obtained votes from their campus staff and were asked to cast one campus vote based on those results. On Tuesday, December 3, 2024. The campus results are as follows:

- Calendar A: District of Innovation 180-Days (Eligible for 5 waiver days due to weather, health, and safety reasons): 18.6%
- Calendar B: District of Innovation 177-Days (Waiver days may only apply after the two make-up days have been utilized and/or if any additional minutes have been applied): 81.4%
- On Wednesday, December 3, 2024, the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC), comprised of teachers, school administrators, parents, and community members, convened in a virtual meeting to review and submit their final calendar vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the campus-recommended Calendar B 177-Day calendar for the 2025-2026 NEISD District Instructional Calendar based on the information presented.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval