Academic Calendar 2025-26 School Year

Board Work Session
January 7, 2025

LiSD

Actions Taken

- Focus group met in September to discuss school start/end times and length of instructional day
- Collected input on preferences from various groups
- The calendar committee met in October to create options based on feedback
- Received additional input from staff and parents
- The calendar committee reconvened to create two options based on feedback

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

Themes from Input

- Conclude first semester prior to winter break
- Three weekends over winter break
- Conclude 3rd nine weeks prior to Spring Break to avoid exams after break
- End school prior to Memorial Day
- Balance semesters as close as possible
- Limit student ½ days (attendance, child care, CTE funding)
- Build in collaborative planning and work time for staff
- **A Wednesday start day if possible**
- **Consider adding minutes to the instructional day to allow for more flexibility through the year**
  - **Staff - additional work time built in**
  - **Families - additional 4-day weekends, specifically in October and February**

Instructional Minutes

- All districts must have at least 75,600 instructional minutes

- Most LISD campus currently has 435 minutes per instructional day
  - Plano ISD - ES/MS 440, HS 445
  - Frisco ISD - ES/MS 440, HS 445
  - Coppell ISD - 445
  - Denton ISD - 440
  - Northwest ISD - 445
  - Keller ISD - 450

The more minutes each day allows you to reach the 75,600 minute requirement and have flexibility on how to use your days.

Option A - 435 Minutes

- Students start on Tuesday, Aug. 12

- Last day on Friday, May 22

- 3 work days built in for staff
  - ½ Oct, Jan, ½ March

- 175 student learning days

- October
  - 4-day weekend for students
  - 3-day weekend for staff

- Election day off for all

- February
  - 3-day wkend for students

- February 16 full PL day for staff

Option A - 435 minute day

July 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	[12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9]	10	11
12	13	[14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

December 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19]	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	[6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13]	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22]	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

KEY

- First Day of School
- Early Release
- Holiday
- Bad Weather Day
- testing
- Teacher Work Day
- Trade Day
- Professional Learning/Student Holiday
- Last Day of School / Early Release
- 1/2 PL 1/2 work

Option B - 445 Minutes

- Students start on Wednesday, Aug 13
- Last day on Friday, May 22
- 5 work days built in for staff
  - Oct, Nov. Jan, Feb, ½ March
- 172 student learning days
- October
  - 4-day weekend for students
  - 3-day weekend for staff
- Election day remote work day
- February
  - 4-day weekend for students
  - 3-day weekend for staff
- May 22 - BW/staff work day

Start and End Times

Option A (435 minutes)

	Staff	Arrival	Start Time	End Time	Staff
Elementary	7:15 AM	7:15 AM	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	3:45 PM
ES STEM	7:15 AM	7:15 AM	7:45 AM	3:10 PM	3:45 PM
High	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	8:20 AM	3:35 PM	4:00 PM
Middle	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	8:55 AM	4:10 PM	4:30 PM

Option B (445 minutes)

	Staff	Arrival	Start Time	End Time	Staff
All Elementary	7:15 AM	7:15 AM	7:40 AM	3:05 PM	3:45 PM
High	7:30 AM	7:40 AM	8:15 AM	3:40 PM	4:00 PM
Middle	8:00 AM	8:25 AM	8:50 AM	4:15 PM	4:30 PM

Next Steps

- Make any adjustments based on Board input.

- Staff and families will provide input by ranking the 2 calendar options. The input form will be live from January 16 - January 27 with a reminder sent on January 24.

- Staff will provide a recommendation to the Board based on the input received.

- Board action item for calendar approval at February Board meeting.