

**McKinney Independent School District**  
#1 Duvall Street, McKinney, Texas 75069

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Shawn Pratt, Superintendent  
**Subject:** McKinney ISD Academic Calendar, 2026-2027  
**Date:** January 20, 2026

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In creating the McKinney ISD Academic Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, several key areas were considered, including but not limited to: Instructional impact, state mandates, local, state, and national testing dates, observance of holidays, professional learning for staff, and recruitment and retention of highly qualified staff.

The District obtained feedback from McKinney ISD principals, students, teachers, parents, and specific departments including Teaching and Learning, School Leadership, Human Resources, and Business Operations.

The District's goal is to create an academic calendar that balances the educational needs of our students, well-being of staff, and input from a variety of stakeholders.

The recommended calendar includes the following key dates:  
First Day of School: August 13  
Labor Day Holiday: September 7  
Fall Break: October 12-13  
Thanksgiving Break: November 23-27  
Winter Break: December 21- January 1  
Spring Break: March 15-19  
Bad Weather Days: April 5 and April 19  
Last Day of School: May 27  
Graduation: May 28

**Impact Statement:**

Adoption of the 2026–27 academic calendar will establish instructional days, holidays, professional learning days, and breaks for students, staff, and families. The calendar is designed to meet state instructional requirements while providing predictability for instructional planning, staffing, transportation, and family scheduling.

**It is recommended:**

That the Board approves the recommended academic calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Resource Person(s):**

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Respectfully submitted,

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