



NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: New Fairfield Board of Education

From: Kenneth G. Craw, Ed. D., Superintendent

Re: 2026–27 Proposed District Calendar (attached)

Background

Attached please find the recommendation for the 2026–27 New Fairfield Public Schools District Calendar drawn from the work of the NFPS Calendar Committee, a representative body of the BOE, administration, faculty, staff and parents (listed below). The Calendar Committee met on September 29, 2025. The Committee's charge is to analyze options for the 2026–27 calendar and advise the Superintendent on recommendations to the BOE.

NFPS Calendar Committee 2026–27 Members in alphabetical order:

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Recommended 2026–27 Calendar

The recommended Calendar for 2026–27 is similar to the 2025–26 Calendar with a pre-Labor Day first day of school for students. For ease of review by the BOE, listed below are the essential points for each month of the proposed calendar.

1. August/September 2026 –
 - a. Three days of teacher preparation (August 24, 25 & 26) precede the first day for students.
 - b. First Day for Students – Thursday, August 27
 - c. Two School Closure Days
 - i. Labor Day – Monday, September 7

ii. Yom Kippur – Monday, September 21

Comment: Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20 and runs until the evening of Tuesday, September 22.

2. October 2026 –
 - a. Professional Development – Friday, October 9
 - b. School Closure – Monday, October 12
3. November 2026 –
 - a. Election Day/Professional Development – Tuesday, November 3
 - b. K–12 Parent – Teacher Conferences – November 4, 5 & 6
 - c. Extended Thanksgiving Vacation –
 - i. No Students or Teachers – Wednesday, November 25
 - ii. Standard Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.
4. December 2026 –
 - a. Professional Learning – Early Dismissal – Thursday, December 10
 - b. Early Dismissal – Wednesday, December 23
 - c. Winter Recess – Wednesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 31
5. January 2027 –
 - a. School Closure – Friday, January 1 is New Year’s Day
 - b. Students and teachers return from break – Monday, January 4
 - c. School Closure – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 18
6. February 2027 –
 - a. February Break – Friday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 16
 - i. School Closure – Friday, February 12 – Professional Development Day
 - ii. School Closure – Monday, February 15 is Presidents’ Day
 - iii. School Closure – Tuesday, February 16
7. March 2027 –
 - a. K–12 Parent – Teacher Conferences – March 10, 11 & 12
 - b. Professional Learning – Early Dismissal – Thursday, March 25
 - c. School Closure – Good Friday – March 26
8. April 2027 –
 - a. Spring Recess – Monday, April 12 – Friday, April 16
9. May 2027 –
 - a. Professional Learning – Early Dismissal – Friday, May 28
 - b. Memorial Day – Monday, May 31

10. June 2027 –

a. Final Day for Students – Thursday, June 10

Comment: This schedule would provide up to seven days for school closures due to inclement weather. New Fairfield typically wants to have students finished before the final week of June.

Please note the statement at the bottom right-hand side of the proposed calendar regarding loss of school days due to inclement weather:

“Inclement weather emergency days will be made up on June 11-21 as needed. If more than 7 days are needed, days will be taken from spring vacation beginning with April 12th. The last day for students is expected to be no later than June 21st. Students will not be in school more than 180 days.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-27 Proposed District Calendar
2. 2025-26 Current Adopted District Calendar