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INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRONG ROOTS, POWERFUL WINGS

2025-26 Calendar Planning Update

December 2024

Planning Timeline

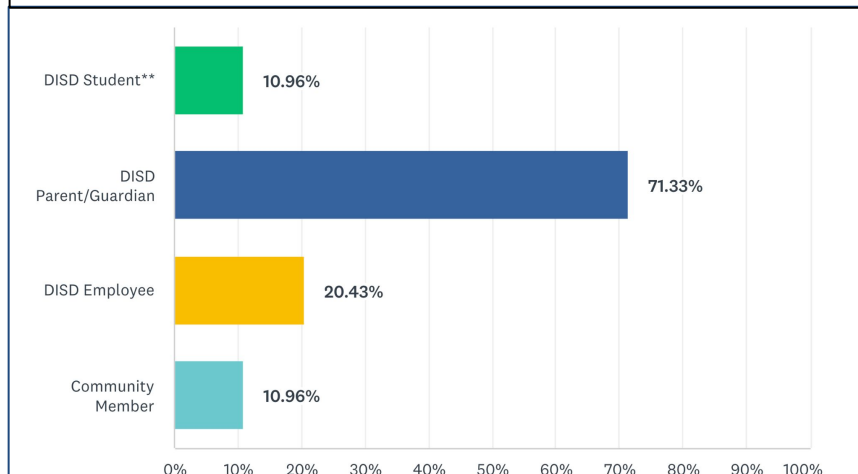
M/Ju/Jy/A	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Curriculum Adjustments - scope & sequence, assessment timelines	Annual ARD Transition- schedule of services reflect 4 day		Nov. 8 - 1st & 2nd six week planning for 4-day			Feb.14 - 3rd & 4th six weeks planning for 4-day			May 16 - 5th & 6th six weeks planning for 4-day	
			Survey to teachers and families for feedback on 24-25	HR/Finance - teacher schedule, salaries, contract days, hold harmless						
			Transportation routes							
				Board discussion on proposed calendar-Dec 16 Survey goes out to families and staff-Dec 17	Board approval of final calendar					
		DEIC begins work on specifics with a 4 day work week								



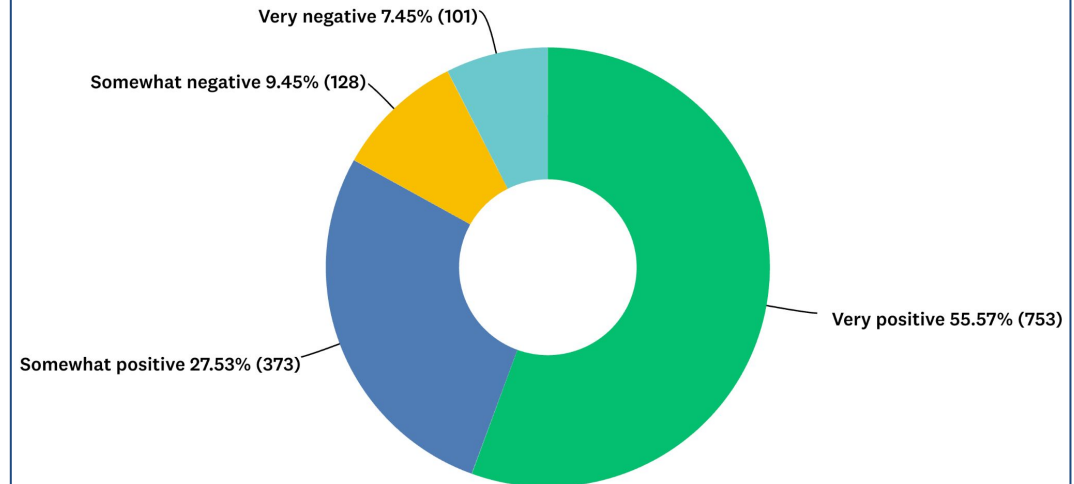
Hybrid Calendar Survey

- ❑ 1,615 responses
- ❑ Overall positive feedback
- ❑ Identified areas to address

What is your relationship to DISD? Select all that apply.



Overall, how satisfied are you with your and/or your family's experience with the current, hybrid calendar?



DEIC Meetings

- September 5th
- October 10th
- November 7th
- December 5th

Feedback from DEIC

- ❑ Consistency is priority
- ❑ Teacher prep time
- ❑ Earlier start times to avoid late dismissal times



Meetings with Teachers

- November 8
- November 15

Feedback from Teachers

- ☐ Nov 8
 - ☐ Teachers had a 4-Day planning day
- ☐ Nov. 15
 - ☐ Met with every campus, reviewed 4-Day Planning day progress
 - ☐ Had an open Q&A and discussion forum
- ☐ Updated FAQ



Calendar Planning Webpage

- This page was created to facilitate transparency and provide one area for all calendar related information.

www.decaturnisd.us/page/calendar-planning

Decatur Independent School District
Welcome, Eagles!

Eagle Eye TipLine ClassLink Families

SCHOOLS TRANSLATE

ABOUT OUR DISTRICT CALENDAR PLANNING SCHOOL BOARD DEPARTMENTS TEACHING & LEARNING EMPLOYMENT MORE

DECATUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT // CALENDAR PLANNING

2025-2026 Calendar Planning

How does a school district develop an academic calendar?

October	November	December	January	February
DEIC meets to discuss and review components of a calendar	DEIC meets to discuss feedback from campuses and families Begin constructing calendar	DEIC meets to make revisions and solidify calendar options	Calendar options are sent to families and staff for voting	Calendar voting results presented to the school board School board votes to approve the calendar

Calendar Development Process

Texas law does grant some flexibility to school districts regarding the school calendar. However, there are some criteria that must be met.

Here are the legal considerations for Decatur ISD:

- Instructional Minutes:** Students must be in attendance for a minimum of 75,600 minutes per school year.
- Instructional Days:** The exact number of student days varies depending on the bell schedule for each year and the number of minutes earned each day.
- Start Date:** State law requires districts to begin school no earlier than the fourth Monday in August. However, as a state designated *District of Innovation*, Decatur ISD is able to waive this requirement and start school earlier in August to ensure classes end before June of the following year.
- Specific Holiday Mandate:** Schools cannot hold classes, either scheduled or as weather make-up days on specific holidays.
- School Board Approval:** The academic calendar must be approved by the Decatur ISD School Board.

Here are some calendar items that are not required by law, but are established and popular traditions in Decatur ISD:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- 24-25 Hybrid Calendar Feedback & Results
- 4-Day Planning Timeline
- October 2024 Update
- 2024-25 Calendar Community Response



2025-2026 Calendar Options

- Two options developed in consideration of DEIC research and discussions and all survey feedback (original survey & hybrid survey)
- **Form to vote will go out to families and staff on Dec. 17th**
- August will have some full weeks to meet required minutes
- Once 4-Day week begins, it remains consistent throughout the year
- No early release days
- Move to 9 week grading periods
- 630 extra minutes built in (1 day)

2025-2026 Calendar Options Comparison		
	Option A	Option B
	<i>"Before Memorial Day"</i>	<i>"After Memorial Day"</i>
Start Date	August 6th	August 7th
End Date	May 21st	May 27th
<u>Current 24-25 School Times</u>	EL: 7:40-3:25 MS: 7:30-3:15 HS: 7:45-3:30	EL: 7:40-3:25 MS: 7:30-3:15 HS: 7:45-3:30
25-26 School Times <small>***Pending final approval from transportation</small>	EL: 7:30-3:45 MS: 7:30-3:45 HS: 8:00-4:15	EL: 7:30-3:45 MS: 7:30-3:45 HS: 8:00-4:15
Length of Day	8 hr 15 min	8 hr 15 min
5-Day Weeks	3 in August	2 in August
Instructional Minutes	76,230	76,230
Student Days	154	154
Staff Days	168	168
Staff Start Date	<i>August 1st</i>	<i>August 1st</i>
Teacher PD/WD	Aug 1 Aug 4 Aug 5 Sept 12 Oct 3 Nov 7 Jan 5 Feb 13 Mar 6 Apr 10 May 1 May 22	Aug 1 Aug 4 Aug 5 Aug 6 Sept 12 Oct 3 Nov 7 Jan 5 Feb 13 Mar 6 Apr 10 Apr 10 May 28



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OPTION A

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State Testing Windows

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August 8, 15, 22, 29	Regular School Day
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December 19 - January 5	Winter Break
January 9	Regular School Day
January 19	No School
January 23	Regular School Day
February 16	No School
February 20	Regular School Day
March 16-20*	Spring Break
May 21	Last Day of School

OPTION A

GRADING PERIODS

August 6 - October 2	38 Days
October 6 - December 18	40 Days
January 6 - March 12	40 Days
March 23 - May 21	36 Days
Student Total Days	154 Days
Teacher Total Days	168 Days

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Moving Forward....

During the Spring semester:

- ❑ Two more 4-Day planning dates coming up: Feb 14 & May 16
- ❑ Work with counselors to create a webpage of resources and activities to address anxiety and stress for our students.
- ❑ Consider stipends for teachers to serve on summer committees to compile activities for students to do at home, individually, and with their families to reinforce academic skills.
- ❑ Administer a survey to teachers to gauge interest in teaching ½ day intervention for students on Fridays once a month.



Child Nutrition

Feeding Wise Kids

A big concern is our at-risk population not being fed on Fridays. We will continue to partner with the organization **Feeding Wise Kids - Backpack Buddies** to provide additional meals for students who are on free/reduced lunch to take home on the weekends. All students who need a meal will receive a meal.

Learning Ladder

Learning Ladder will be held on one of our campuses and we are investigating the possibility of providing lunch programs there, similar to what is done during summer school.



FEEDING WISE KIDS



Child Care

Learning Ladder - (open to opening more space)

llschoolage@yahoo.com

Rise Church

info@risechurchdecatour.com

University Gymnastics

uofgdecaturoffice@gmail.com

Depending on space & staffing...

Cornerstone Church

rachel@iamcbc.org

Community Church

cc.decatour@yahoo.com

Pettit Private School

decatour@pedditprivateschool.com

