

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 28, 2025



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Instructional Calendar 2026 - 2027

BOARD POLICY: EB (Legal)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will provide a rigorous and relevant learning experience to ensure that every student will B*Future-Ready.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- When drafting instructional calendars, considerations are given to: start/end dates, federal holidays, state testing dates, grading periods, state required minutes, days in each semester, professional development dates, early dismissal dates, inclement weather dates, alignment with local college semesters, previous campus/community input, and summer school.
- The guiding question is, "What are the best calendar decisions to support quality instruction?"
- All public schools are mandated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to begin school on the fourth Monday in August. However, TEA also authorizes districts to develop Local Innovation Plans that allow for earlier start dates. BISD is an approved District of Innovation.

Administrative Considerations:

- The process began in February and continued through April to develop the 2026-2027 Calendar.
- A calendar committee that included the Principals of the Year, Assistant Principals of the Year, Teachers of the Year for the previous year, and Counselors of the Year was formed.
- Several calendars were designed based on committee members' input and constraints such as starting no sooner than the second week in August, ending the school year prior to the end of May, placing student holidays on Fridays when possible, having at least three school days in a week, meeting the number of minutes required by the state.
- With 187 total staff days to determine, the committee drafted two calendars that represented changes for consideration, with a major focus on Memorial Day being a week later for the next two years.
- Calendar A had the following:

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- 168 Physical Student Days, with 4 half days in this count (166 days by minutes)
 - First Semester 81 Days
 - Second Semester 87 Days
- 187 Teacher Days
- Early Release Days for ALL campuses (Dec. and May)
- Fall break in October for students (5 days)
- Fall break in October for teachers (3 days)
- 4 Exchange Days (These are student holidays)
 - 3 Professional Development Exchange Days
 - 1 Safe Schools Exchange Day
- Calendar B had the following:
 - 169 Student Days, with 4 half days in this count (167 days by minutes)
 - First Semester 81 Days
 - Second Semester 88 Days
 - 187 Teacher Days
 - Early Release Days for ALL campuses (Dec. and May)
 - Fall break in October for students (5 days)
 - Fall break in October for teachers (3 days)
 - 4 Exchange Days (These are student holidays)
 - 3 Professional Development Exchange Days
 - 1 Safe Schools Exchange Day
- The Calendar Committee favored Calendar A at 71.4% over Calendar B at 28.6%
- The District Educational Improvement Committee favored Calendar A at 57.1% over Calendar B at 42.9%
- The Campus Educational Improvement Committee favored Calendar A at 80% over Calendar B at 20%.
- The consensus supported our current calendar (Calendar A) without the February break due to the disruption of instruction during a critical time of year.
- It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Instructional Calendar Draft A for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- District Website
- New Release

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Respectfully submitted,

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