



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: 2026-2027 District Instructional Calendar

Related Page(s): NEISD Website

ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The two North East Independent School District 2026-2027 Instructional Calendars presented were developed in five distinct phases:

1. A calendar survey questionnaire was sent to our community via Qualtrics; the survey window opened on Friday, October 3, 2025, and closed on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.
2. The Office of Learning Support Services held our second annual District Calendar Design Committee, comprised of campus and central office staff from various departments. Four groups, each comprised of 6-7 individuals, created one 175-day calendar and one 180-day calendar. A total of eight calendar options were created. Each Calendar Design Team presented its calendars to the group. At the end of the work session, the Office of Learning Support Services sent all members a calendar voting link with all calendar options from each group. The Calendar Design Team members submitted their votes for the top two 175-day calendars and the top two 180-day calendars. The Office of Learning Support Services compiled final results from the Calendar Design Teams on Thursday, October 6, 2025.
3. On Wednesday, November 5, our Office of Learning Support Services presented to the NEISD District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC). Council members received the four calendars and the calendar side-by-sides and reviewed all information to select the top two calendars (one 175-day and one 180-day calendar).
4. To further facilitate the voting process for campus staff, the Office of Learning Support Services created a calendar explanation video for staff to view and calendar side-by-sides to show all differences. Learning Support Services also worked alongside the Office of Research and Planning and the Office of Management Information Systems (MIS) to create a Qualtrics link for all staff to submit their vote. Each campus principal was also required to hold a faculty meeting to review both calendars and all supporting documents.
5. Each campus principal informed the Office of Research and Planning when the faculty meeting was held, and the calendar information video was viewed, so staff could receive the link to submit their vote. The campus voting window closed on Tuesday,

December 2, 2025. Final campus voting results were presented to the DEIC on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Both calendars are presented for consideration. The proposed calendars fall within the legal guidelines established by the State of Texas and NEISD's legal policy. Daily student instructional minutes, academic priorities, bad-weather days, and holidays were considered in creating both calendar options.

As defined by the 84th Legislative session, all calendars comply with HB 2610 guidelines, including a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instruction for the school year. The calendars do not include the use of T.E.A. waiver days.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

On Friday, November 7, 2025, the Office of Learning Support Services provided each NEISD campus principal with all guidance documents needed to inform their staff about the two calendar options for the 2026-2027 school year. All results were compiled on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

The campus results are as follows:

- **Calendar A: Pending Results**
- **Calendar B: Pending Results**
- On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, the District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC), comprised of teachers, school administrators, parents, and community members, convened in a virtual meeting to review and submit their final calendar vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the campus-recommended **Pending Results** calendar for the 2026-2027 NEISD District Instructional Calendar based on the information presented.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval