



# NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: New Fairfield Board of Education

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

Re: 2024-25 Proposed District Calendar (attached)

## **Background**

Attached please find the recommendation for the 2024-25 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 December 4, 2023, and December 20, 2023. The Committee's charge is to analyze options for the 2024-25 calendar and advise the Superintendent on recommendations to the BOE.

NFPS Calendar Committee 2024-25 Members in alphabetical order:

Tammy Allen (NFEA)  
Michelle Brown (NFEA)  
Iowa Cipollone (PTO)  
Linda Cove (Secr. Assoc.)  
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## **Recommended 2024-25 Calendar**

The recommended Calendar for 2024-25 is similar to the 2021-22 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 2024 –
  - a. Three days of teacher preparation (August 26, 27 & 28) precede the first day for students.
  - b. First Day for Students– Thursday, August 29
  - c. One School Closure Day
    - i. Labor Day – Monday, September 2

2. October 2024 –
  - a. Rosh Hashanah - Thursday, October 3
  - b. Professional Development – Friday, October 4
  - c. School Closure – Monday, October 14

Comment: Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Wednesday, October 2 and runs until the evening of Friday, October 4.
3. November 2024 —
  - a. Election Day/Professional Development – Tuesday, November 5
  - b. Extended Thanksgiving Vacation –
    - i. No Students or Teachers - Wednesday, November 27
    - ii. Standard Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.
4. December 2024 –
  - a. Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal – Wednesday, December 11
  - b. Winter Recess – Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1, 2025
5. January 2025 –
  - a. School Closure - Observe New Year’s Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2025
  - b. Students and teachers return from break - Thursday, January 2
  - c. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 20
  - d. Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal - Wednesday, January 29
6. February 2025 —
  - a. February Break – Monday, February 17 and Tuesday, February 18
    - i. School Closure - Monday, February 17 is Presidents’ Day
    - ii. School Closure - Tuesday, February 18 - Winter Break
7. March 2025 —
  - a. Professional Development - Friday, March 28
8. April 2025 —
  - a. Spring Recess – Monday, April 14 – Thursday, April 17
  - b. Good Friday - April 18
9. May 2025 –
  - a. Professional Learning Day - Early Dismissal - Wednesday, May 14
  - b. Memorial Day – Monday, May 26
10. June 2025 —
  - a. Final Day for Students – Thursday, June 12

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; however, the seventh inclement weather day is listed as Monday, June 23.

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 13-23 as needed. If more than 7 days are needed, days will be taken from spring vacation beginning with April 14th. The last day for students is expected to be no later than June 23th. Students will not be in school more than 180 days.”*

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2024-25 Proposed District Calendar
2. 2023-24 Current Adopted District Calendar