



To: River Trails Board of Education  
From: Dr. Jodi Megerle - Superintendent; Kristine Seifert - Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning  
CC: Lisa Sulek - Human Resources; Bob Kastner - RTEA President  
Re: Initial Draft for 2026-27 School Calendar Recommendations

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### **Process:**

As charged in the Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and River Trails Education Association, the Teaching & Learning Council (TLC) of RTSD26 representative of all district schools, is presenting a draft school calendar recommendation for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **Timeline:**

While the calendar does not need to be formally submitted to the board until April 1st, the committee felt making a recommendation earlier in the year would allow for better future planning for district families, teachers and staff. The committee understands the final calendar adoption is made by the BOE. Early approval will allow parents and teachers more time to plan for a shorter 2026 summer and earlier fall 2026 start date as compared to 2025. Traditionally, the administration presents the school calendar to the Board of Education one month prior to approval for review and discussion. However, a slight delay in presenting the calendar as we worked through contract negotiations has placed us slightly behind schedule. We are asking for the Board to both review and vote on the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year at the January meeting.

### **Important Considerations:**

Prior to building a draft calendar, the TLC reviewed the D214 & D207 approved calendars for 2026-27 and took into consideration the tentative agreements from contract negotiations regarding the Board's desire for actual student attendance days. The TLC committee also reviewed calendar guidance from ISBE as well as staff feedback gathered by TLC committee members. A concerted effort was made by the TLC committee to move back to a more traditional calendar seeing as major construction projects have been completed.

### **Recommendation:**

Please see the attached copy of the calendar recommendation for the 2026-27 school year.

#### **Start Date:**

- Mon. August 17, 2026 (Teachers)
- Wed. August 19, 2026 (1-8 Grades)
- Thurs. August 20, 2026 (Kindergarten) - Aug. 19 Meet and Greet
- Fri. August 21, 2026 (Pre-Kindergarten) - Aug. 20 Meet and Greet

#### **Institute Days:**

- Mon. August 17, 2026
- Tues. August 18, 2026
- Mon. January 4, 2027
- Fri. April 23, 2027

#### **Winter and Spring Break:** \*In alignment with the D207D214 Approved School Calendar

- Monday December 21, 2026- Friday, January 1, 2027
- Mon. Mar. 22, 2027 - Fri. Mar. 26, 2027

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

- Mon. November 2, 2026 noon - 8 PM
- Thurs. April 22, 2027 noon - 8 PM

#### **End Date:**

- Fri. May 28, 2027 (June 7th w/5 emergency days)\*\*

#### **Working Days:**

This calendar proposal includes 176 ACTUAL student attendance days and 182 staff work days as determined by the negotiated agreement.



## River Trails School District 26 2026-2027 Calendar

August 2026				
M	T	W	R	F
	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

September 2026				
M	T	W	R	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October 2026				
M	T	W	R	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

November 2026				
M	T	W	R	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

December 2026				
M	T	W	R	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
			1	
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

March 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

May 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

June 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

July 2027				
M	T	W	R	F
		1	2	
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

### Report Cards Windows:

#### Grades 1-8

Trimester 1	November 13, 2026	59 Days
Trimester 2	February 26, 2027	59 Days
Trimester 3	May 28, 2027	58 Days

#### Kindergarten

Semester 1	January 15, 2027	89 Days
Semester 2	May 28, 2027	86 Days