

Midway Independent School District

Action: Consent Agenda: X
Presentation: Information:
Supporting Documents: X Date for Consideration: December 16, 2025



Subject: 2026-2027 Academic Calendar Adoption

MISD Board of Trustees: December 16, 2025

Agenda Item – 10A7

Background Information

In October, a poll was distributed to MISD staff and parents through Parent Square to prompt their feedback on considerations for the upcoming school year calendar. The poll responses were used to determine trends for calendar drafts. Additional hiring and professional learning needs of Midway staff were considered in the design of the calendar and in the distribution of professional learning dates. District-level committees met to review the calendar options and make adjustments. The following priorities were incorporated into the 2026-2027 calendar drafts:

Holiday preferences identified by respondents:

- Full week for Thanksgiving
- Two full weeks for Winter Break
- End before Memorial Day
- Match Baylor/MCC Holiday Schedules
- Consideration of a Fall Break
- Consideration of a late Winter Break

Instructional needs identified by respondents:

- The first day of school is on Wednesday or later, for both semesters
- Balance the number of days in the Fall and Spring Semesters
- Balance the number of days in every 6 weeks.
- Time in August for new and returning staff to plan together for instructional purposes
- Professional Learning sessions are provided close to the date of classroom implementation
- Embedded time in August (not June/July) to provide both district and campus professional learning to take place before the start of school
- Professional learning opportunities are provided throughout the year to address teacher and student needs.

The drafts were reviewed by the following committees:

November 3rd - Teaching and Learning Directors

November 3rd - Exec Team

November 4th - District Leadership Team - Exec Team, Principals, Directors, Coordinators

November 5th - Midway Advisory & Strategy Team (MAST) - Parents, Community Members, Business Reps, Teachers

November 18th - School Board Information Item

Following the November board meeting presentation, a survey was sent to Midway employees to poll their preferences and feedback on the three calendar drafts. More than 250 employees participated in the poll. The administration recommends that the Board adopt the Draft C Calendar with a few revisions reflective of feedback from the teacher survey. The recommended calendar balances the preferences of staff respondents, our parent input from the previous survey, and the academic needs of our students.

Fiscal implications

None

Administration Recommendation

Adopt Calendar C as the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

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