



**PRESENTATION of the 2016-2017
PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR
October 27, 2015**

CALENDAR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Non-Negotiables

- May not start before the fourth Monday in August
- School days must be at least 420 minutes
- 187 teacher contract days*,
- 180 instructional days*, and
- 2 bad weather make up days

* Denton ISD has state waivers through 2016-2017 to substitute 3 professional development days for instructional days and include up to 6 early release days.
Historically we have been approved for a waiver for bad weather in excess of 2 days.

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Answers:

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- Match Spring Break with neighboring districts (374/191)
- Schedule a week for Thanksgiving Break (764/32)
- Schedule two weeks for Winter Break (797/8)
- Schedule a week for Spring Break (797/5)
- Finish the first semester prior to Winter Break (575/90)

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Other Suggestions:

- Adjust elementary conference week
- Include more planning during year/planning day each six weeks
- Extend Winter Break and the school year by 1 week
- Include regular *brain breaks* in 3 day weekends/4 day school weeks
- Schedule professional development in late spring
- Finish before Memorial Day
- Plan an *Art Fair* day and other enrichment activities

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House Bill 2610

- Increased local control and calendar flexibility
- The school year must include 75,600 minutes instead of 180 days
 - (We include 171 or 172 full days and 6 or 5 early release days. With waiver credit, we meet the number of minutes required at ES and MS and exceed the requirement at HS)
- 1 day of instruction equals 420 minutes
 - Elementary and middle school students currently attend 420 minutes/day
 - High School students attend 440 minutes/day
- Allows districts to add time to the school day *instead of days to the year if* waivers are not approved (446/200)
- School may not end before May 15

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Where Are We Now?

- If TEA continues to grant waivers...
 - **Calendar flexibility remains the same**
 - **We will meet the minimum required minutes at ES and MS and exceed at HS**
- If TEA continues to grant waivers and we choose to match the ES/MS day with the HS day at 440 minutes...
 - **Calendar flexibility increases**
 - **End before Memorial Day?**
 - **Schedule staff development/planning time or conferences throughout the year?**
- If TEA no longer grants waivers...
 - **Calendar flexibility decreases**
 - **We will have to extend our school day to keep everything in our traditional calendar**

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