

Alternate Calendar Considerations

The Texas Legislature seems to still be on the path toward an immediate change in the school calendar for 2005-2006. With that in mind, it will be to our benefit to have an alternate calendar developed, just in case. Because of the uncertainty and (if it really happens) lack of flexibility in this new proposal, this calendar should be developed administratively and presented to the Board for approval. After this version, we will develop a way to include other input in the process.

Current Considerations

Calendar Parameters (State-mandated)

- ✓ Start on Tuesday following Labor Day
- ✓ End no later than June 7
- ✓ Must have 180 instructional days (unless a waiver is approved)
- ✓ Must have at least seven staff development/preparation days

Calendar Considerations (Local)

- ✓ KISD currently has a waiver for staff development for two days (reduces instructional days to 178)
- ✓ KISD currently has nine staff development/preparation days
- ✓ Current payroll is based on starting classes on Aug. 8
 - Pay might have to split over 13 months in 2005-2006
 - Those on less than twelve month contracts might lose one month of pay to get in sequence for 2005-2006
- ✓ Last day to resign from the district is based on 45 days before the first day of instruction
 - How to handle this if notice is late from the legislature

Questions

- ✓ What to do at the conclusion of each nine week grading period
 - Provide a work day?
 - Provide early release?
 - No break-begin new grading period on next available instructional day
- ✓ Where to put Staff Development Days
- ✓ What to do about holidays
 - Thanksgiving
 - Winter Break
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
 - Presidents' Day
 - Spring Break
- ✓ Implications for students needing to graduate at midterm
 - Midterm will fall in mid-January
 - Questions about student starting college at that time