



Action Item

Date: December 8, 2025

Division: Chief of Staff

Subject: 2026-27 Academic Calendar

Background Information:

- According to TEC 25.0811, the state parameters for the school calendar include:
 - Must not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August, waived with DOI
 - Must not end prior to May 15th
 - Must include 75,600 minutes of instruction
- All school districts have the same requirement of at least 75,600 instructional minutes. The length of day impacts how you can structure the minutes throughout the year. LISD has a 435-minute instructional day.
- A teacher work day does not count toward the 75,600 instructional minutes required.
- A Staff Development Waiver allows for districts to train staff to improve student performance in lieu of student instruction. This time does count toward instructional minutes, to not exceed 2,100 minutes per year.
- The Communications departments posted the three calendars posted in the Rapp Up and RAPPort newsletters on November 17. The input form was open from November 17 - November 30.

Administrative Consideration:

- The board will hear a brief overview of the results of the input form.
- Professional learning waivers will be sought for the days built into the calendar for teacher collaboration and professional learning time.
- Early release days will be recorded based on the minutes of operation that students are in attendance.
- August 3, November 23 and November 24 will be considered trade days and staff members will accumulate 18 hours of approved professional learning credit in lieu of attendance. The Professional learning department will coordinate these efforts and maintain the records of the trade credit in Eduphoria Strive for documentation.

Recommendations:

- Approval of the 2026-27 school calendar based on input from staff and families that completed the feedback form.