

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 20, 2026



BOARD: Action

SUBJECT: Instructional Calendar 2027-2028 & Consider Modifications of the 2026-2027 Adopted Calendar

BOARD POLICY: EB (Legal)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will provide a rigorous and relevant learning experience to ensure that every student will be Future-Ready.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- When drafting instructional calendars, considerations are given to: start/end dates, federal holidays, state testing dates, grading periods, state required minutes, days in each semester, professional development dates, early dismissal dates, inclement weather dates, alignment with local college semesters, previous campus/community input, and summer school.
- The guiding question is, "What are the best calendar decisions to support quality instruction?"
- All public schools are mandated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to begin school on the fourth Monday in August. However, TEA also authorizes districts to develop Local Innovation Plans that allow for earlier start dates. BISD is an approved District of Innovation.

Administrative Considerations:

- The process began in February and continued through April to develop the 2027-2028 Calendar.
- A calendar committee that included the Principals of the Year, Assistant Principals of the Year, Teachers of the Year for the previous year, and Counselors of the Year was formed.
- Several calendars were designed based on committee members' input and constraints, such as starting no sooner than the second week in August, ending the school year prior to the end of May, placing student holidays on Fridays when possible, having at least three school days in a week, and meeting the number of minutes required by the state.
- The committee drafted two calendars that represented changes for consideration, with a major focus on the negative student attendance on ½ days.
- Attendance rates dropped on average by 9.03% on ½ days.

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- Calendar A had the following:
 - 166 Physical Student Days, with 0 half days in this count
 - First Semester 80 Days
 - Second Semester 86 Days
 - 187 Teacher Days
 - Fall break in October for students (5 days)
 - Fall break in October for teachers (3 days)
 - 4 Exchange Days (These are student holidays)
 - 3 Professional Development Exchange Days
 - 1 Safe Schools Exchange Day
- Calendar B had the following:
 - 168 Physical Student Days, with 4 half days in this count (Equivalent to 166 Full Days)
 - First Semester 81 Days
 - Second Semester 87 Days
 - 187 Teacher Days
 - Fall break in October for students (5 days)
 - Fall break in October for teachers (3 days)
 - 4 Exchange Days (These are student holidays)
 - 3 Professional Development Exchange Days
 - 1 Safe Schools Exchange Day
- The Calendar Committee favored Calendar A at 100%.
- The District Educational Improvement Committee favored Calendar A at 96.7% over Calendar B at 3.3%%
- The Campus Educational Improvement Committee favored Calendar A at 88% over Calendar B at 12%.
- The Calendar Committee favored changing the 2026-2027 calendar to full days at the end of each semester at 100%.
- The District Educational Improvement Committee favored changing the 2026-2027 calendar to full days at the end of each semester at 100%.
- The Campus Educational Improvement Committee favored changing the 2026-2027 Calendar at 88% over Calendar B at 12%
- It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Instructional Calendar Draft A for the 2027-2028 school year as presented.
- It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Instructional Calendar Modification for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- District Website
- New Release

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Respectfully submitted,

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