

## Alamo Heights Independent School District

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The District Education Advisory Council (DEAC) of the Alamo Heights Independent School District, a team of a representative group of staff, parents and community members, is proposing a calendar for the 2022-2023 school year that satisfies statutory requirements and is also responsive to the unique needs expressed by our school community.

State law requires districts to create a calendar that includes a minimum of 75,600 minutes of instruction for students. Additionally, our calendar must satisfy contractual requirements for 187 days of service for teachers.

Annually, we solicit input from our school community about creating a calendar that is responsive to our local needs. Stakeholder feedback from previous years contained the requests for our calendar to include:

- An end of school date prior to the Memorial Day weekend
- An end of semester date that falls prior to the December winter break
- A December winter break that allows families to maximize the time for quality time together.
- Additional days to the spring semester to accommodate for lost instructional time from state testing and other spring events
- Allow for parent-teacher conferences at the elementary level. These calendar options have one teacher workday/student holiday on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 and March 1, 2023 (instead of two early release days), to aid with parent conference week.
- Allow two early release days for professional development to give teachers the time they need to better support their students. These calendar options have one early release day for teacher PD for all campuses on Wednesday, September 21 and Wednesday, January 25.
- For Spring Break, consider (1) surrounding district's dates and (2) daylight savings time date to "spring forward"
- Allow time at the conclusion of some nine-weeks grading periods for teacher to wrap up the grading period and to prepare for the next one. These calendar options include a teacher workday/student holiday on Monday, January 2 and the Monday following the end of the third nine weeks in March.

AHISD seeks your input regarding the proposed calendar for 2022-2023. Click <u>HERE</u> to review the two draft calendar options. Click on the link below to participate in the survey. **Deadline for completing the survey is 4:00 PM Thursday, November 4, 2021.** Our District Education Advisory Council will review survey data and make a final calendar recommendation to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

AHISD Parent/Student Survey

AHISD Faculty/Staff/Administrator Survey

Sincerely,

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