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District Calendar Committee

Department of Organizational Transformation and Equity

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Calendar Committee

- 2 El Paso ISD Council of PTA Representatives
- 3 Teacher's Advisory Council representatives
- 2 Principal's Advisory Council representatives
- 3 DEIC representatives (1 teacher, 1 nonteacher, 1 district representative)
- 1 Military connected representative





Calendar Committee Facilitators and Resources

El Paso ISD Administrative Staff

- Michelle Casillas, Executive Director Leadership & Talent Development
- Joseph Manago, Executive Principal
- Tyra Harrison, Executive Director Whole Learner & Intervention
- Juana Gutierrez, Compensation & Employment Compliance Manager
- Jerry Villanueva, Safe & Secure Schools Manager
- David Cervantes, Athletic Director
- Philip Barraza, Fine Arts Director
- Jesus Corral, Director
- Gloria De Leon, Executive Director
- Liza Leal, Payroll Manager
- Laura Duran, Director
- Lisa Estrada-Baston, Assistant Superintendent
- Cheryl Felder, Executive Director
- Roxanne Ramos, Coordinator
- Monica Chavez, Coordinator
- Victoria Orozco, Director





Timeline

- Calendar Committee Meetings
 - February 28, March 20, April 2, and May 2
- Stakeholder Feedback on Calendar Options
 - March 25 & 26 -- DEIC, PAC, TAC
- Superintendent's Cabinet Feedback and Options Approval
 - April 8, 2024
- Consultation
 - April 12, 2024
- Public Online Voting
 - April 15-30, 2024
- Recommendation for Board Approval
 - May 21, 2024



Revisions of 2024-2025 Calendar

The Calendar Committee Planning Criteria

- Reviewed Safety and Security options for Election Day on November 5th.
- Considered best options to add back a day to the calendar.
- Incorporated a teacher workday in January as requested by teachers.
- Built in Exchange Days within the school year for teachers.
- Decided on ending the school year for teachers and students on a Friday.
 - This allowed for 15 consecutive days of summer school in June.
- Developed Option A and Option B for input and voting.



Ways Calendar Options are Different

2024-2025	Approved August 15, 2023	Option A	Option B
Election Day - Safety/Security	School in Session – Tuesday, November 5	No School - Tuesday, November 5	No School - Tuesday, November 5
Teacher Workdays	3.5 days – Half days - July 29 Full days – Aug. 2, June 9 & 10	3 days – Half days - July 29 & June 6 Full days – Aug. 2 & Jan. 7	3 days – Half days - July 29 & June 4 Full days – Aug. 2 & Jan. 7
Professional Development	6 days- Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Feb. 12, April 2 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1	7 days- Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Nov. 22 , Feb. 12, May 7 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1, Jan. 6	7 days- Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Nov. 22 , Feb. 12, May 7 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1, Jan. 6
Last day of 1 st grading period	Friday, September 27	Tuesday, October 1	Friday, October 4
Fall Intersession	September 30 – October 4 (5 day Fall Intersession)	October 2-4 (3 day Fall Intersession)	No Fall Intersession



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2024-2025	Approved August 15, 2023	Option A	Option B
Last Day of School for Students	Friday, June 6	Friday, June 6	Friday, June 4
Last Day of School for Teachers	Tuesday, June 10	Friday, June 6	Friday, June 4
Holiday	School in session – February 17	No school - February 17 – Presidents Day (Federal Holiday)	School in session – February 17
Start of 3 rd grading period	Monday, January 6	Wednesday, January 8	Wednesday, January 8
Last day of 3 rd grading period	Friday, February 28	Tuesday, March 4	Friday, February 28
Spring Intersession	March 3-7 (5-day Spring Intersession)	March 5-7 (3-day Spring Intersession)	March 3-7 (5-day Spring Intersession)
Summer School & Intersession (Extended School Year Days)	22 (No School June 19 – Juneteenth Holiday)	21 (Summer School in Session June 19)	22 (Summer School in Session June 19)
Days of Summer for Students	56	56	60
Days of Summer for Teachers	47	51	53



Ways the Calendar Options are the Same

2024-2025

180 Instructional Days
187 Teacher Contract Days
First day of school August 5
Parent Teacher Conferences: Sept. 10-12 and Feb. 4-6
Fall break intersession October 7-11
Thanksgiving Week Off
Holidays observed (No school): Sept. 2, Nov. 11, Jan. 20, Apr. 18, May 26
Half-day Early Dismissal for Students and Staff: Dec. 20 and May 23



Ways Calendar Options are Different

2025-2026	Option A	Option B
Holiday	No school - February 16 – Presidents Day (Federal Holiday)	School in session – February 16
Last day of 3 rd grading period	Tuesday, March 10	Friday, March 6
Spring Intersession	March 11-13 (3-day Spring Intersession)	March 9-13 (5-day Spring Intersession)
Teacher Workdays	3 days – Half days - July 28 & June 4 Full days – Aug. 1 & Jan. 6	3 days – Half days - July 28 & June 5 Full days – Aug. 1 & Jan. 6
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5
Summer School and Intersession (Extended School Year Days)	22	23



Ways the Calendar Options are the Same

2025-2026

180 Instructional Days

187 Teacher Contract Days

First day of school August 4

Parent Teacher Conferences: Sept. 16-18 and Feb. 3-5

Last day of 1st grading period October 7

Fall intersession October 8-10

Fall break October 13-17

November 21 – Early release for students. PM half day PD for teachers

Thanksgiving Week Off – Nov. 24-28

Winter Holidays Dec. 22– Jan. 6 for students

Winter Holidays Dec. 22– Jan. 2 for teachers

7 Professional Development Days-

Half days: July 28, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Nov. 21, Feb. 11, May 6

Full days: July 29, 30, 31, Jan. 5

Holidays observed (No school): Sept. 1, Nov. 11, Jan. 19, Apr. 3, May 25

Half-day Early Dismissal for Students and Staff: Dec. 19 and May 22



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Calendar Voting

Dear El Paso ISD,

In our effort to enhance academic excellence, we are reaching out to our valued community members with an opportunity to have a say in our 2024-2025 academic calendar. Your feedback and insights are crucial in shaping the future of our district.

Throughout the last year, our district has encountered a variety of matters that have prompted us to re-evaluate the previously approved calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. We have taken into account a multitude of factors, with a primary focus on the safety and security of our students and staff. Additionally, we have carefully considered the input provided by our dedicated teachers during several sessions with Superintendent Diana Sayavedra. Your voices have been heard, and we are committed to addressing your concerns and needs.

As a result, we have made adjustments, including the decision to close Nov. 5.

We are now presenting two versions of the 2024-2025 academic calendar for your consideration, along with a proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Each version includes detailed explanations of the changes made. We encourage you to review these calendars thoughtfully and participate in the voting process.

Your participation is invaluable to us. By sharing your preferences and perspectives, you contribute to the collective efforts aimed at providing the best possible educational experience for our students.

Please take the time to cast your vote for the revisions to the 2024-2025 academic calendar and the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Your engagement strengthens our community and helps shape the future of education in El Paso Independent School District.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration.



Calendar Voting

2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Calendar Options

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Calendar Voting

Click on the calendar image to see the complete PDF document for the calendar option. **Scroll down to the green box below to cast your vote!**

Ways the Calendar Options are Different

2024-2025 Calendars			
Item	2024-2025 (Approved 8-15-2023)	Calendar A	Calendar B
Election Day – Safety/Security	School in Session - Tuesday, November 5	No School - Tuesday, November 5	No School - Tuesday, November 5
Teacher Workdays	3.5 days – Half days - July 29 Full days – Aug. 2, June 9 & 10	3 days – Half days - July 29 & June 6 Full days – Aug. 2 & Jan. 7	3 days – Half days - July 29 & June 4 Full days – Aug. 2 & Jan. 7
Teacher Professional Development Days	5.5 days - Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Feb. 12, Apr. 2 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1	7 days - Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Nov. 22, Feb. 12, May 7 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1, Jan. 6	7 days - Half days: July 29, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Nov. 22, Feb. 12, May 7 Full days: July. 30, 31, Aug. 1, Jan. 6
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Last Day of School for Students	Friday, June 6	Friday, June 6	Wednesday, June 4
Last Day of School for Teachers	Tuesday, June 10	Friday, June 6	Wednesday, June 4





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Days of Summer for Students	40 (Calendar days)	40 (Calendar days)	42 (Calendar days)
Days of Summer for Teachers	47 (Calendar days)	51 (Calendar days)	53 (Calendar days)



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2025-2026 Calendars		
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Spring Intersession	March 11-13	March 9-13
Start of 3rd grading period	Wednesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 7
Last day of 3rd grading period	Tuesday, March 10	Friday, March 6
Last Day of School for Students	Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5
Last Day of School for Teachers	Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5
Summer School & Intersession Extended School Year Days	22	23
Days of Summer for Students	Pending the creation of the 2026-2027 school year calendar.	
Days of Summer for Teachers		



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- Holidays observed (No school): Sept. 1, Nov. 11, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Apr. 3, May 25
- Half-day Early Dismissal for Students and Staff: Dec. 19 and May 22
- Teacher Professional Development (7 days)
Half days: July 28, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Nov. 21, Feb. 11, May 6
Full days: July 29, 30, 31, Jan. 5



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Submit your vote here

Of the proposed calendars, my votes are for:

* See option descriptions above.

2024-2025 Calendar Option A

2024-2025 Calendar Option B

2025-2026 Calendar Option A

2025-2026 Calendar Option B

Save my vote

The voting period ends Tue, 30 Apr 2024 16:38:00 -0600



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Please encourage everyone to vote for our school calendars!!

https://legacy.episd.org/schools/calendar_survey/index_legacy.php

