

Why and How?

2020-2021 Academic Calendar Adjustments

“Districts should adhere to a consistent decision-making framework that emphasizes empathy, flexibility, transparency, coherence, and equity.”



Guiding Principles

- Safety & security of students, staff, and parents
- School should start as early as possible
 - Prevent continued learning loss
 - Time for learning assessment, diagnosis & reaction
- Teachers must have time to adequately plan and prepare
- In-person and virtual instruction will both be necessary
- Strategically placed breaks will allow for flexibility
 - Assess and plan for learning
 - Anticipate future disruptions (campus and district)
 - Intercession - Remediation for students
 - Student and Staff Breaks
- Preparation for Additional Days School Year (ADSY) in 2021-2022

EDUCATION WEEK

OPINION

How to Take Care of the Adults (and Yourself) in Your School Community



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The challenge for school leaders is tending to their community's needs without neglecting their own

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Key Dates

August 6	School starts (<i>7 days earlier</i>)
September 28	Teacher Planning Day
October 5-9	Fall Intersession Break (<i>new</i>)
November 3	Election Day Student/Staff Holiday
November 30	Teacher Planning Day (<i>moved from January 4</i>)
December 18	End first semester
January 4	Student Holiday/Staff Work Day (<i>changed</i>)
February 8 – 12	Late Winter Intersession Break (<i>new</i>)
February 22	Teacher Planning Day (<i>moved from March 1</i>)
March 15-19	Spring Break
April 26	Staff/Student Break (<i>moved from April 19, possible bad weather/COVID-19 makeup day</i>)
June 3	School ends (<i>3 days later</i>)



Impact of Calendar Adjustments

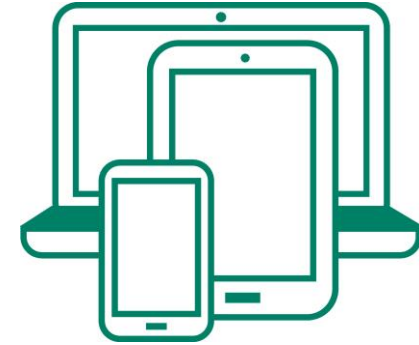
- Regular instructional days increase by two (174 to 176)
- October 5-9 and February 8-12 add flexibility
 - Possible instructional days increase by up to 10 (181 or 186)
 - Instructional and teacher planning days increase a minimum of 10
 - Possible student remediation time increased up to 10 days
- First grading period used to assess, measure and build “student achievement roadmap”
- Teacher planning days, student holidays and staff development days are strategically placed

** October 5-9 and February 8-12 are Flex/Break Days. These days may be used as breaks, intersessions, and/or virus/bad weather makeup days as determined by need. To view the latest calendar, please visit www.aliefisd.net/calendar.*



Broader Re-Entry and Recovery Issues

- **Potential re-entry scenarios** (*all include multiple safety protocols*)
 - All in-person
 - All virtual
 - Blended in-person and virtual based on student/staff needs and strengths
 - Alternating school weeks
 - Alternative school days
 - Alternating school levels (elementary, secondary divisions)
 - M-W-F and T-Th
 - Morning/afternoon
- Parent, student, and staff surveys
- Sequential decisions



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2020-2021 Calendar

STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAYS

September 7, 2020
 October 5-9, 2020*
 November 3, 2020
 November 23-27, 2020
 December 21, 2020 to January 1, 2021
 January 18, 2021
 February 8-12, 2021*
 March 15-19, 2021
 April 2, 2021
 April 26, 2021
 May 31, 2021

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STUDENT HOLIDAYS/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

WORK DAYS
 July 30-31, 2020
 August 4-5, 2020
 January 4, 2021
 June 4, 2021

STUDENT HOLIDAYS/STAFF LONG-RANGE

PLANNING DAYS
 August 3, 2020
 September 28, 2020
 November 30, 2020
 February 22, 2021

FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION

August 6, 2020

LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION

June 3, 2021

GRADING PERIODS

August 6 – October 2 40 days
 October 12 – December 18 43 days
 January 5 – March 12 42 days
 March 22 – June 3 51 days

Total Days: 176 days

LEGEND

- ⊞ First/Last Day of School
- ▶◀ Begin/End Grading Period
- Student Holiday/Staff Development Work Day
- Student Holiday/Staff Long-Range Planning Day
- Student/Staff Holiday

Updated 2020/05/28

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