



**NATCHITOCHE PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD**
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2025-2026 School Calendar Preparation

Timeline

December:	Survey Schools
January:	Calendar proposals drafted
February:	Parents Advisory Group input Principal Group input School representatives work session School faculty/staff vote
March:	Board vote

Results from Survey and Parent/Principal Groups

- **No significant change in yearly calendar desired**
- **Current calendar framework is supported by the majority of faculty/staff.**
- **Full week of Fall Break and Winter Break is popular**

Calendar Representatives Work Session

- **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, school calendar representatives attended a meeting in the NPSB T&L Department Conference Room**
 - **Reviewed school year calendar parameters**
 - **Previewed calendar proposals**
 - **Finalized proposals and Q/A session**
 - **Representatives took calendar options back to campuses for school vote**
- **Thursday, February 13, 2025, or Friday, February 14, 2025, each school holds staff meeting allowing teachers and all staff to vote on a preferred calendar option**
 - **All faculty/staff members invited to vote for preferred calendar**
 - **Calendar representatives collected campus votes and emailed results to Dee Jackson, T&L Department Secretary, by 3:00pm on Friday, February 14th.**



Parameters To Consider For Calendar Decisions

- 63,720 minimum minutes of instructional time must be met - Bulletin 741
- 385 minutes of instructional time per day
(64,680 instructional minutes per year)
- 168 instructional days (students)
- 176 days for teachers (instructional days + PD days + PTC days)
- Balance semesters for student credit earnings and for teacher retirement/leaves
 - 84 days per semester for students
 - 88 days per semester for teachers
 - 2.5 days for weather/emergencies (embedded in the 84/88 days count)
- Maintain ending the Fall Semester for high schools prior to Christmas break.
- To the most extent possible, maintain strong weeks of instructional time rather than “chopped” weeks.
- School systems shall now declare a public holiday for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years where the parish governing body has established a polling place at a public school.
- Support improving student achievement
 - Always ask: “How does this change to the calendar support improving student achievement?”

2025-26 School Calendar Vote Tally Sheet

Number of school calendar votes across all campuses:

Option A - 410 votes

Option B - 40 votes