

2026-2027 School Calendar Preparation

Timeline

November:	Survey Faculty and Staff
December:	Parents Advisory Group input
	Principal Group input
	Calendar proposals drafted
	School representatives work session
	School faculty/staff vote
January:	Board vote

Results from Survey and Parent/Principal Groups

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

Calendar Representatives Work Session

- Monday, December 15, 2025, school calendar representatives attended a meeting at NPSB.
 - Reviewed school year calendar parameters
 - Previewed calendar proposals
 - Finalized proposals
- Thursday, December 18, 2025, or Friday, December 19, 2025, each school held a 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 10:00am on Friday, December 19.



2026-2027

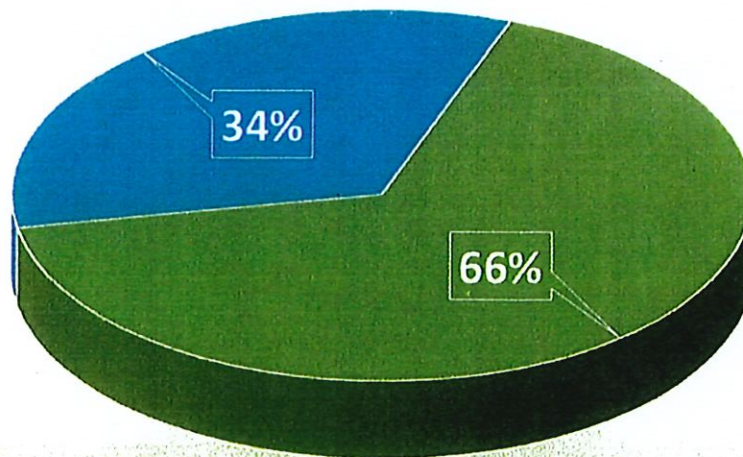
Parameters To Consider For Calendar Decisions

- 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)
- To the most extent possible, balance semesters for student credit earnings and for teacher retirement/leaves
- Embed 2.5 weather days inside the total calendar days
- Maintain ending the Fall Semester for high schools prior to Christmas break.
- To the most extent possible, avoid "chopped weeks" in order to maintain strong instructional weeks.
- In even-numbered years, school systems shall declare a legal holiday on the first Tuesday of the first full week of November 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?"

2026-2027 School Calendar Vote Tally Results

Sites	Option A	Option B
Fairview Alpha	23	9
L.P. Vaughn	73	12
Lakeview	26	4
M.R. Weaver	17	18
Marthaville	19	1
Natchitoches Central	7	33
Natchitoches Junior High	48	6
Natchitoches Magnet	1	25
Natchitoches Provisional Learning Ctr	9	1
NSU Elementary	1	19
NSU Middle	19	0
Provencal	23	6
Totals:	266	134

2026-2027 School Calendar Vote Tally Results



■ Option A ■ Option B

NATCHITOCHE PARISH SCHOOLS | 2026-2027 CALENDAR

AUGUST '26						
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SEPTEMBER '26						
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OCTOBER '26						
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DECEMBER '26						
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Grade Reporting Periods			
Begin	Close	Days	Report Cards
8/10/26	10/9/26	44	10/9/26
10/19/26	12/18/26	38	12/17/26
1/4/27	3/11/27	43	3/11/26
3/15/27	5/20/27	43	5/21/27

August 2026

3-7 Prof. Development/Teacher Work Day
10 First Day for Students

September 2026

7 Labor Day Holiday (Schools Closed)

October 2026

8 PTC 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (After School)
9 PTC/Teacher Work Day (Students Virtual)
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
12-16 Fall Break (Schools Closed)

November 2026

3 Election Day (Schools Closed)
23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools Closed)

December 2026

4 Festival Weekend Holiday (Schools Closed)
17 PTC 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (After School)
18 PTC/Teacher Work Day 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(Students Virtual)
21- Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday (Schools Closed)

January 2027

4 Students Return for Spring Semester
18 MLK Holiday (Schools Closed)

February 2027

15-19 Winter Break (Schools Closed)

March 2027

11 PTC 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (After School)
12 PTC/Teacher Work Day 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(No Students)
26- Apr. 2 Easter Holiday (Schools Closed)

May 2027

20 Last Day for Students
21 Teacher Work Day (No Students)

Instructional Day = 385 Minutes

Mid-Quarter Reports

9/9/26

11/13/26

2/2/27

4/21/27






JANUARY '27						
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-  Prof. Dev./Teacher Work Day
-  First/Last Day for Students
-  School Holidays
-  Parent/Teacher Conference (PTC)
-  Students Return for Spring Semester

*Fall Term Non-LEAP Final Exams will be held December 9-15, 2026.

*Spring Term Non-LEAP Final Exams will be held May 12-17, 2027.

*Proficiency exam schedules will be produced and distributed on or before the 1st week of August.

*Graduation will be held on or after May 10, 2027. (Seniors last day of attendance - May 6, 2027.)

*Delayed start days (if needed) 10:00 a.m.

Approved: _____

Dr. Grant Eloi, Superintendent