



## 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**

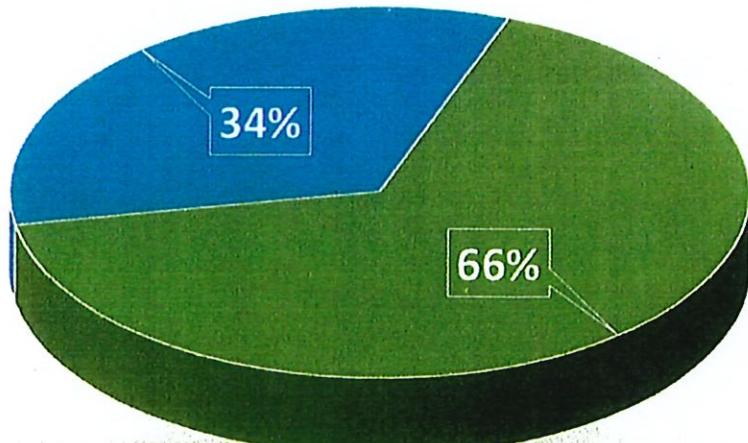
**Parameters To Consider For Calendar Decisions**

- 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>134</b>

## 2026-2027 School Calendar Vote Tally Results



■ Option A ■ Option B

# NATCHITOCHES PARISH SCHOOLS | 2026-2027 CALENDAR

AUGUST '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## August 2026

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

JANUARY '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

SEPTEMBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## September 2026

7 Labor Day Holiday (Schools Closed)  
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)

FEBRUARY '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

OCTOBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## October 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)

MARCH '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## January 2027

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

APRIL '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## May 2027

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

MAY '27						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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			

Mid-Quarter Reports  
9/9/26  
11/13/26  
2/2/27  
4/21/27

▲ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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