

December 11, 2023

# **INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR**


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**Board Presentation**

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Northwest ISD





**Create an instructional  
calendar that  
positively impacts  
student achievement.**

# State Requirements



75,600 MINUTES  
+ 2 ADDITIONAL SNOW DAYS\*



187 TEACHER DAYS



AT LEAST 420 MINUTES PER  
SCHOOL DAY



CAN COUNT UP TO 2100 MINUTES  
OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
TOWARDS INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

\* Must have additional minutes in the calendar to equal at least 2 additional days.



# Committee Feedback

- 9-week grading periods
- Built-in professional learning days
- Breaks throughout the year
- Do not start school on a Monday (preferably mid-week)
- End before June (preferably before Memorial Day)
- Secondary needs early release days at semester
- End the 1st semester before Christmas Break
- Balance the semesters
- Minimum of 2 Full weeks at Christmas Break

# Other

# Considerations



HOLIDAY BREAKS (THANKSGIVING,  
CHRISTMAS, SPRING BREAK, AND  
GOOD FRIDAY)

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STATE TESTING CALENDAR

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START & END DATES

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NEEDS

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# 2024-2025

## Instructional Calendar

July 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	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			

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | District Offices Closed  
 July 23, 24, 25 | ENGAGE Conference  
 July 30, 31 | New Teachers Report

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				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 1 | New Teachers Report  
 August 5-9, 12-13 | All Staff Report  
 August 14 | First Day of School

September 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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 2 | Labor Day - Student/Staff Holiday  
 September 7 | UIL 6-week Grade Check

October 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		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 11 | Early Release Students  
 October 11 | End of 1st Quarter  
 October 14 | Student Holiday/Staff Flex

November 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					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

November 4 | Student/Staff Holiday  
 November 5 | Student Holiday/Teacher Profes. Learning  
 November 25-26 | Student Holiday/Staff Flex  
 November 27-29 | Student/Staff Holiday

December 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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	31				

December 19 | Early Release Students  
 December 19 | End of 2nd Quarter & Semester  
 December 20-January 3 | Student/Staff Holiday

January 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			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	

December 20-January 3 | Student/Staff Holiday  
 January 6-7 | Student Holiday/Teacher Profes. Learning  
 January 20 | Student/Staff Holiday

February 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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	

February 17 | Student/Staff Holiday

March 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March 14 | Early Release Students  
 March 14 | End of 3rd Quarter  
 March 17-21 | Student/Staff Holiday  
 March 24-25 | Student Holiday/Teacher Profes. Learning

April 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

April 15-May 9 | STAAR Testing  
 April 18 | Student Holiday/Teacher Flex

May 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 15-May 9 | STAAR Testing  
 May 23 | Early Release Students  
 May 23 | End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School  
 May 26 | District Offices Closed

June 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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					

June 6, 13, 19, 20, 27 | District Offices Closed

- First Day of School – August 14<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School – May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Thanksgiving – November 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- Winter – December 20<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Spring Break – March 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

# 2025-2026

## Instructional Calendar

July 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31		
July 22-24   ENGAGE Summer Learning Conference July 29-31   New to NISD Teachers Orientation July 1-4,11,18,25   District Offices closed						

August 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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 4-8, 11-12   All Staff - Professional Learning August 13   First Day of School						

September 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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 1   Labor Day/Student/Staff Holiday						

October 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
October 10   Early Release/Last day of 1st Quarter October 13   Student Holiday/Teacher Flex October 14   First Day of 2nd Quarter						

November 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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November 3   Student/Staff Holiday November 4   Teacher Prof Learning/Student Holiday November 24-25   Student Holiday/Teacher Flex November 26-28   Student/Staff Holiday						

December 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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28	29	30	31			
December 2-12   STAAR Testing Dates December 18   Early Release/Last Day of 2nd Quarter December 19-31   Student/Staff Holiday						

January 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
January 1-2   Student/Staff Holiday January 5-6   Teacher Prof Learning/Student Holiday January 7   First Day of 3rd Quarter January 19   Student/Staff Holiday						

February 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
February 16   Student/Staff Holiday						

March 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
March 13   Early Release/ Last Day of 3rd Quarter March 16-20   Student/Staff Holiday March 23-24   Teacher Prof Learning/Student Holiday March 25   First Day of 4th Quarter						

April 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
April 3   Student Holiday/Teacher Flex April 7-30   STAAR Testing Dates						

May 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
May 1   STAAR Testing Date May 22   Last Day of School/Early Release May 25   Memorial Day May 29   District Offices Closed						

June 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
June 5,12,19, 26   District Offices Closed						

- First Day of School – August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School – May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Thanksgiving – November 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>
- Winter – December 19<sup>th</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Spring Break – March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>





# Stakeholder Feedback

Communications sent out two calendar examples and opened stakeholder feedback for 2 weeks.

- Align vacation days to surrounding districts
- Give a full week off in October to allow for a fall break
- Align vacations to standard possession orders for custody agreements in Texas





**Discussion**

**Questions**