Trinity Basin Preparatory

2025-2026 District Calendar
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Why are there minute calculations at the bottom of the calendar?**
   Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, the Texas Education Agency has required districts and charter schools to adopt calendars where students attend 75,600 minutes (Kinder through 12th grade) and 37,800 minutes (PK) in order to receive full funding.

2. **Will we be required to make up days cancelled due to bad weather?**
   No. Even though the calendar only contains 169 student days, there are sufficient minutes built into the calendar to cover the two days that would be required to be made up by the Texas Education Agency in order to receive full funding. Therefore, there are no designated make up days on the calendar.

3. **Why will student hours for the 2025-2026 school year be 7 hours and 45 minutes?**
   Daily student minutes were extended by 10 minutes from the 2024-2025 school year to allow for more instructional time, including individualized instruction, during the school day. Campus schedules are being developed based on the needs of students.

4. **Why will PK3 students be in school for 4 hours each day?**
   Due to the student calendar only including 169 days, the half day PK3 programs needed to extend their day in order to meet the yearly minute requirement plus an additional two days in case of cancellations due to weather, health or safety reasons. Therefore both the morning and afternoon PK3 sessions were extended to 4 hours. This creates a 15-minute overlap of the two sessions, during which time the students will be at lunch.

5. **How long will campus staff be required to be on campus each school day?**
   Teachers, instructional aides, and all exempt campus staff must arrive on campus no later than 30 minutes before the tardy bell rings for students. Each staff member will be assigned arrival duties, which may be at the carpool line, in common areas where students will wait before going to their classrooms, or at classroom doors.

   Teachers, instructional aides, and exempt support staff will also be assigned duties at the end of the school day in order to ensure a safe and efficient dismissal of all students. It is anticipated that the dismissal process should only take about 20 minutes.

   Daily dismissal times for all staff will be communicated in the Campus Procedures Manual. Dismissal times will be set to ensure staff have time for weekly professional learning opportunities and staff meetings. Principals also have the discretion to extend teacher and instructional aide hours at various times throughout the year for after-school tutoring that may be required twice a week for an additional 30 minutes.

Schedules for hourly staff will be set by the campus principal or the employee's district supervisor.

6. **How many days will teachers and instructional aides be working during the 2025-2026 school year?**
   Teachers and instructional aides will be on a 183-day calendar.

   In addition to the 169 student days, the calendar includes 4 in service/professional learning days prior to the beginning of the school year, 8 professional learning days scheduled throughout the school year, and two parent/teacher conference days. The professional learning days scheduled during the school year have been strategically placed so as to provide timely training for all instructional staff members. Due to the success of the fall parent/teacher conference day during the 2024-2025 school year, an additional parent/teacher conference day was added in February for the 2025-2026 school year.