

October 18, 2021

## Important Hays CISD School Calendar Changes

Dear Hays CISD Family,

On Monday, October 18, 2021, the Hays CISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously (7 to 0 vote) to add two student holidays to this school year to provide additional planning and preparation time for teachers. The recommendation to the Board to make the change comes from a unanimous (26 to 0 vote) of the District Leadership Team, comprised of teachers, parents, community members, and business leaders.

The two new student holidays are: **Monday, November 8, 2021, and Friday, February 18, 2022** (creating a 4-day student and family holiday for the Presidents Day break).

Teachers are working hard this year, helping students close pandemic-related learning gaps from the past year-and-a-half. And, teachers for our youngest learners are completing additional legislatively-required training in reading.

At present, no change in the daily bell schedule will be required. If bell schedule changes are needed in the spring semester it would only be a matter of a few minutes per day and campuses would communicate the change.

The amended Hays CISD 2021 – 2022 Academic Calendar (which takes effect immediately) is now online at: [www.hayscisid.net/calendar](http://www.hayscisid.net/calendar).

Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and staff this year as they work to help our students transition back to learning at full speed.

Sincerely,  
Tim Savoy  
Chief Communication Officer  
Hays CISD

The district adopted the academic calendar on October 28, 2019 for the 2021-2022 school year. On Thursday, October 7, 2021, the District Leadership Team voted (26-0) in favor of giving teachers additional time to plan and prepare for instruction on November 8, 2021 and February 18, 2022. In order to make up instructional minutes at the high school level, the high schools will add 3 instructional minutes in the spring

semester if this request is approved. No additional instructional minutes will need to be added at the elementary and middle school levels.