

SCHOOL YEAR

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SCHOOL START DATE The District may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the fourth Monday in August unless the District operates a year-round system (see below). The District may not receive a waiver of this requirement.

EXCEPTIONS A district that does not offer each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 and whose prospective or former students generally attend school in another state for the grade levels the District does not offer may instead start school on any date permitted under the law of the other state.

A district with a student enrollment of 190,000 or more may begin instruction for students for a school year on or after the first Monday in August at a campus or at not more than 20 percent of the campuses in the District if:

1. The District at the beginning of the school year provides, financed with local funds, days of instruction for students at the campus or at each of the multiple campuses, in addition to the minimum number of days of instruction required under Education Code 25.081;
2. The campus or each of the multiple campuses are undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the Board; and
3. A majority of the students at the campus or at each of the multiple campuses are educationally disadvantaged.

Education Code 25.0811

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR The District shall operate so that it provides for at least 180 days of instruction each school year.

EXCEPTIONS The Commissioner may approve the operation of schools for less than the number of instructional days specified above when disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailments, or other calamities have caused the closing of schools.

Education Code 25.081

OPTIONAL FLEXIBLE YEAR PROGRAM To enable the District to provide additional instructional days for an optional extended year program [see EHBC], the District may, with the approval of the Commissioner, provide a number of days of instruction during the regular school year that is not more than ten days fewer than 180 days. *Education Code 29.0821(b)(1)*

YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS The District may operate its schools year-round on a single or a multi-track system. If it adopts a year-round system, it may modify:

1. The number of contract days of employees and the number of days of operation, including any time required for staff devel-

opment, planning and preparation, and continuing education,
otherwise required by law.

2. Testing dates, data reporting, and related matters.
3. The date of the first day of instruction of the school year under Education Code 25.0811 for a school that was operating year-round for the 2000–01 school year.
4. Students' eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities when their calendar track is not in session.

Education Code 25.084