

**San Diego Unified School District
Instructional Calendar Committee
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is the status of the transition from year-round calendars to a common calendar for all schools?

The transition of remaining schools on year-round schedules is on hold; year-round schools in the Crawford, Hoover, and San Diego Clusters, along with the TRACE and Adult Learning Program, will remain on year-round schedules for the foreseeable future.

2. Who is on the Instructional Calendar Committee?

The Committee is comprised of 32 voting representatives as shown below (half parents/students and half staff):

- DELAC – 2 reps
- SpEd CAC – 2 reps
- DAC – 2 reps
- PTA – 2 reps
- ASB – 6 reps
- Clusters – 2 reps
- AASD – 4 reps (by contract)
- SDEA – 4 reps (by contract)
- OSS – 2 reps (by contract)
- OTBS – 2 reps (by contract)
- PARA – 2 reps (by contract)
- POA – 2 reps (by contract)

3. How are the Committee members selected?

Each stakeholder group uses its own method of selecting representatives. Names of reps are then forwarded to the Calendar Committee Coordinators.

4. What is the Instructional Calendar Committee's purpose?

This advisory Committee makes a recommendation to the Superintendent as to the start date of the instructional calendar for one or two upcoming school years. The Superintendent may accept the Committee's recommendation and forward it to the Board of Education for approval, or may make her own recommendation to the Board. The Board may approve or reject the Superintendent's recommendation.

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5. Has the district already decided on the 2017-18 start of school?

Yes, the Board voted on July 26, 2016 to accept the Calendar Committee and Superintendent's recommendation that school begin on August 28, 2017. Approved calendars are posted on the district website at <https://www.sandiegounified.org/academic-calendars>.

6. What about 2018-19?

The Instructional Calendar Committee has not yet made a recommendation to the Superintendent about the start date for the 2018-19 school year. It is currently reviewing relevant data and information; reps will be sharing information with their stakeholder groups to make an informed recommendation to the Superintendent in Spring 2017. The Superintendent will make her recommendation to the Board and the Board will vote in May or June 2017.

7. Is the district going to start school in early to mid-August like some other districts in San Diego County?

Unless the Calendar Committee and Superintendent recommend doing so, the district has no plans to start school earlier in the summer. Note that while some schools are still on year-round schedules and don't finish until the third week of July, it would not even be possible to consider an early to mid-August start date.

8. Why did the district change to a pre-Labor Day start in 2016 and 2017?

The Calendar Committee and Superintendent originally recommended a pre-Labor Day start date in 2015, because Labor Day was so late in September (September 7th). However, the Board did not feel that enough notice was provided to stakeholders regarding the change to a pre-Labor Day start, so the decision was made to go with the Calendar Committee and Superintendent's recommendation to start pre-Labor Day in 2016 (August 29th) rather than 2015. In 2015 school began on September 8.

9. Could the district go back to a post-Labor Day start?

Yes, if that is the Calendar Committee's recommendation, the Superintendent's recommendation, and the vote of the Board.

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10. What factors are being considered by the Calendar Committee in making its recommendation for the 2018-19 school year?

Many topics are included in the discussion, a sample of which are below (in no particular order):

- CIF/Athletics season start dates
- Community College start dates
- AP testing dates
- SAT testing dates
- FAFSA deadlines
- Summer School (General Ed)
- Extended School Year (Special Ed)
- Air conditioning installation schedule
- San Diego weather conditions
- Absenteeism during first five days of school
- Effect of start date on elementary student learning

11. How do the Calendar Committee reps engage with their stakeholder groups?

It is the responsibility of each group represented on the Calendar Committee to share information with their stakeholders in order to make an informed recommendation. Some use e-mail, some conduct surveys, some defer to their rep to act on behalf of their constituents, etc.

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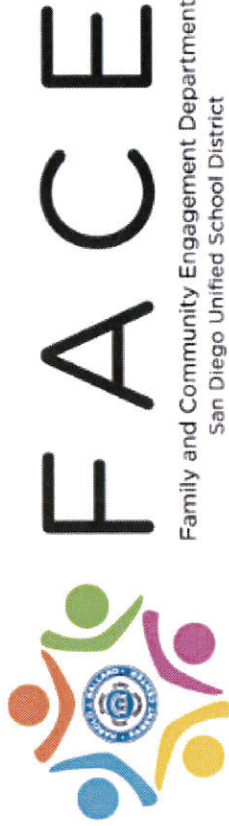
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