



The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2610 in 2015 that amended the Texas Education Code to require districts to provide at least 75,600 minutes of instruction instead of 180 days of instruction. This bill also allows school districts to add minutes as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to school closures.

During the 2016-2017 school calendar preparation process, the AISD calendar committee considered the effects and impact of HB 2610 and recommended a calendar that would meet those requirements. The district received input from students, parents, administration, principals, the Association of Texas Professional Educators, the Texas State Teachers Association and the United Educators Association.

In order to include events such as early release days, a fall break and exchange days in the calendar and still meet the state requirement for minutes, the school day had to be extended. The school day for each level will be 435 minutes with 240 minutes on early release days, which equates to 76,650 minutes of instruction offered for the year. The 870 minutes to cover two school days in the event schools have to be closed were included in the calendar. The 2016-2017 school calendar includes 180 minutes of instruction more than the requirement of HB 2610, or approximately one minute per school day.

Staff report times for the 2016-2017 school year will be 10 minutes before the start of school, and the staff day will end 15 minutes after the dismissal bell. The Texas Education Code requires that teachers employed under a 10-month contract provide a minimum of 187 days of service, and the 2016-2017 school calendar meets that requirement. The calendar includes two inclement weather makeup days for staff, if needed. For staff members who work more than 187 days, makeup days will be identified, if needed.

School Hours

Prekindergarten	8:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. or 12:35 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
Elementary (K–6)	8:20 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.
Junior High (7–8)	8:55 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.
High School (9–12)	7:35 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Alternative Schools	9:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Newcomer Center/Venture	8:20 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.
ACHS at TCC-SE	8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday

Early Release Hours

Prekindergarten	8:20 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Elementary (K–6)	8:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Junior High (7–8)	8:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
High School (9–12)	7:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
Alternative Schools	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Newcomer Center/Venture	8:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
ACHS at TCC-SE	8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.