February 8, 2024 - The Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Managers tonight approved the 2024-2025 academic calendar. It provides more learning time than HISD students have had in the past – an increase from 172 instructional days to 180. Research indicates that students benefit from more time in school.

The first day of school for students will be August 12, 2024, and the last day of school for students will be June 4, 2025. The calendar also includes a week off at Thanksgiving, a two-week winter break, and week-long spring break. In addition, there are holidays and professional development days. Because of the earlier start date, HISD will provide students with more than a week of additional instruction before important spring assessments including STAAR, AP, and IB exams.

The District Advisory Committee, Principal Advisory Committee, and Teacher Advisory Committee previewed four potential academic calendars and provided thoughtful input that influenced the creation of two draft calendars for the HISD community to weigh in on. HISD then sent a survey to the community, and more than 4,000 employees, HISD families, and others provided feedback. That feedback directly informed the final calendar that was proposed to the Board and approved this evening.

“We know that the school calendar impacts the lives of many families so I am glad that HISD implemented a process this year that allowed for significant input from the community,” said HISD Board President Audrey Momanaee. “We want to thank those who shared their thoughts and comments with us as they were instrumental in the process. This approved calendar reflects the District’s effort to ensure students have the learning time they need while balancing the needs of our diverse community.”
The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 190,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.