

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education Meeting of July 27, 2020

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

This item seeks approval of the revised Varnett Public Schools (VPS) 2020–2021 academic calendar. Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and continuing concerns from all stakeholders, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has approved for school districts to provide remote instruction for the first three weeks of the school year. In doing so, we must ensure that all students/ households have both access and devices to participate in remote instruction. This calendar delays the start of school by three weeks, in order for the district to prepare for an effective strong start. The board may approve adding an additional four weeks of remote instruction should community health conditions require that. The academic calendar follows these guiding principles:

1. Safety and security of students, staff, and parents.
2. Ensuring technology hardware and software needs are met for students and staff (devices, resources, etc.)
3. Synchronous (remote live) and asynchronous (independent) instruction will be provided.
4. Providing options for parents in determining the best fit for their households:
  - Face- to Face instruction
  - Remote only Instruction
  - Hybrid/ Blended model (both remote and face-to-face on different days)

Features of the proposed 2020–2021 Academic Calendar include:

- 175 days of instruction
- 188 teacher days
- 10 professional development days for teachers (8 pre-service and 3 throughout the year)
- 3 preparation days for teachers

The calendar provides for 77,000 minutes of instructions totaling 175 days of instruction. September 8, 2020 is the first day of instruction for students and June 17, 2021 is the last day of instruction for students.

**School Holidays:**

Sept. 7, 2020	Labor Day Holiday
Nov. 24 - 27, 2020	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21, 2020 - Jan. 4, 2021	Winter Break
Jan. 18, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Mar. 15-19, 2021	Spring Break
April 2, 2021	Good Friday/ Spring Holiday
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2020-2021 Academic Calendar.

**The Varnett Public**

**2020 - 2021 School Calendar**

August '20						
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June '21						
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July '21						
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Key/ Legend			
	First and last day of school		Teacher Preparation Days (no students) 3
	Holidays/ School Closed	22	Student Days 175
	Professional Development Days (no students)	10	10 month contract length 188

**Significant Dates:**

August 25, 2020	Teachers Report to Work
Sept. 8, 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School
Sept. 7, 2020	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 21, 2020	Professional Development Day #1 (no students)
Nov. 25-27, 2020	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21, 2020 - Jan. 4, 2021	Winter Break
Jan. 4, 2021	Teacher Preparation Day (no students)
Dec. 18, 2020	Last day of First Semester
Jan. 5, 2021	First day of Second Semester
Jan. 18, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 24, 2021	Professional Development Day #3 (no students)
Mar. 15-19, 2021	Spring Break
April 2, 2021	Good Friday Holiday
May. 28, 2021	Memorial Day
June 11, 2021	Last day of School
June 14, 2021	Teacher Last Day

**6-Week Grading Cycles:**

<b>GRADING CYCLE</b>	<b>BEGINS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>Days in Cycle</b>
1st Six Weeks	9-8-20	10-29-20	37
2nd Six Weeks	11-2-20	12-18-20	32
3rd Six Weeks	1-5-21	2-12-21	28
4th Six Weeks	2-15-21	3-31-21	28
5th Six Weeks	4-1-21	5-7-21	26
6th Six Weeks	5-10-21	6-11-21	24=175