

FAQs about the WISD Calendar 2013-2014

Q. Why is school starting later in August than in prior years?

State law requires that public schools begin the school year no earlier than the fourth Monday in August. In 2013, the fourth Monday is August 26, which is later than usual.

Q. When does the first semester end?

Though the school holidays and breaks are the same, there are two separate grading cycles for elementary and secondary students. **Elementary students** will end their fall semester on January 17, 2014. **Secondary students** will end their fall semester prior to the Christmas holidays--December 20, 2013. This accommodation allows students in Grades 7-12 to take semester exams prior to our winter break. Survey feedback from parents, staff, and secondary students indicated this preference.

Q. Why does the first semester (for secondary students) have fewer days than the second semester?

Because of the later start date and ending the first semester prior to Winter Break, there are fewer days in the first semester than the second. Many of the additional days in the second semester will be used for state testing and other requirements.

Q. What about bad weather make-up days?

The Texas Education Agency requires school calendars to include two bad weather make-up days. Both make-up days have been placed at the end of the school year. If necessary, Monday, June 2 would be the first to be used and Tuesday June 3 would be the second to be used as make-up days.

Q. How can I find state testing dates for my child?

State testing dates (TAKS, STAAR and End-of-Course Assessments) can be found by grade/subject level on the Texas Education Agency's website: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/calendars/>

Q. When is Graduation for the WHS Class of 2014?

Graduation for Weatherford High School will be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center on the evening of Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Q. How does this school calendar compare with other local school districts?

Spring Break and most holidays are reflective of area districts. Weatherford ISD sets its calendar prior to area districts; smaller districts in our area tend to follow our lead in terms of holidays. The exception is the ending date for WISD. Survey feedback indicates that parents and staff prefer that our school year be completed prior to June.

If you have additional questions, please call the Student Services Office—817-598-2803
