

PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR POLICY

SCHOOL BOARD

The Academic Calendar

Purpose: The Gadsden Independent School District will follow specific criteria to develop the academic calendar for traditional and continuous schools.

Participants: The district calendar committee.

Process:

A. The district academic calendars will consist of 182 contract days of which 91 days will be prior to January 1st and 91 days will be after January 1st.

B. The district academic calendars will include 6 instructional preparation days.

C. The district academic calendars will consist of no less than 176 days of instruction for students in grades 1st through 12th.

D. The district academic calendars will consist of no less than 172 days of instruction for kindergarten students.

E. The district academic calendars will include one Parent/Teacher Conference day within the first six weeks of each semester. The Parent/Teacher Conference days will count as instructional days.

F. School will not be in session on the following holidays:

- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day including the preceding Wednesday and the following Friday (3 days)
- Christmas/New Years (minimum of 10 week days)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday and the Monday after Easter
- Memorial Day

G. At the end of the fall intersession (continuous schools) there will be a one-week fall break for all schools.

H. A one-week spring break will follow the two weeks of State testing.

Timeline:

The enforcement of this policy is ongoing.