



2023-24 Academic Calendar

2023-24 Draft Academic Calendar Report

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Sherman ISD 2023-24 Draft Academic Calendar

Process for Creating and Approving the Academic Calendar

- A committee of representative stakeholders drafts an academic calendar. Stakeholders include parents, teachers, and other staff from all grade levels (Pre-K to 12th grade).
- Sherman ISD Calendar Committee considers many factors when deciding upon a draft calendar (see slide 2 for “factors” considered).
- SISD Calendar Committee looks at a possible draft calendar month by month and provides feedback and suggestions for appropriate changes.
- SISD Calendar Committee draft is posted for public comment.
- Draft Calendar is revised (as needed) based on public comment.
- Administrative recommendation is provided in support of the Sherman ISD academic calendar to the Board of Trustees for approval by February of 2023.
- Final Sherman ISD academic calendar is posted on Sherman ISD’s website before the end of February of 2023.



Sherman ISD 2023-24 Draft Academic Calendar

Factors Considered When Building a Draft Academic Calendar

- Provide early release day(s) for final exams (fall and spring) at Sherman High School.
- Account for bad weather by banking additional time and meet the required 75,600 instructional minutes.
- Attempt to provide a similar number of instructional days between fall and spring.
- End the first semester prior to the Christmas/New Year's break.
- Non-instructional days traditionally scheduled for Labor Day, Thanksgiving week, Christmas/New Year's, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day & Memorial Day.
- Avoid holidays during State testing projected Dec 5 - 15, April 16 - 26, and April 30 – May 10.
- Complete calendar process and prepare for Board approval by February of 2023.



Survey Results

Survey Participants

Community Me...

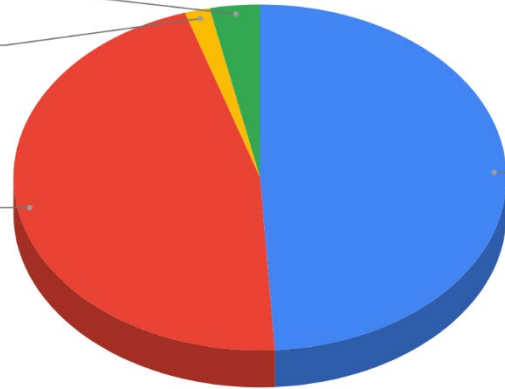
3.3%

Student

1.6%

Staff

46.0%



Parent

49.0%

Adjustments Based on Feedback

- Start Date
- Exchange Day Added Back
- Better Balance of Friday/Monday PD

6 – Students

12 – Community Members

179 - Parents

168 - Staff



Please Take a Month by Month View

August 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- Two day earlier start date for students to better equalize instructional days each semester.
- The earlier start date also allows additional professional learning days during the year to adjust instruction based on student progress while maintaining graduation before Memorial Day.
- New teacher induction August 1st – August 2nd with all staff returning on August 3rd.
- First day of instruction for students is August 14th.



Please Take a Month by Month View

September 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
October 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- September removes the teacher exchange day, but the professional learning days were separated.
- October contains an additional professional learning day for parent conferences after/near the end of the first grading period and student holiday.



Please Take a Month by Month View

November 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
December 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- No changes in November.
- December 20th and 21st are early release days to accommodate for final exams at secondary campuses. Christmas break begins December 22nd.



Please Take a Month by Month View

January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

- A professional learning/work day remains prior to starting the second semester.
- The first day of instruction for students is January 9th.
- A professional learning day is added on February 2nd.



Please Take a Month by Month View

March 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- Good Friday is March 29th. Maintained exchange day the Monday after Easter.
- Exchange day moved from February to April.



Please Take a Month by Month Comparison

May 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- May 22nd and 23rd are early release days to accommodate for final exams at secondary campuses.
- Staff workday remains prior to graduation on May 24th and Memorial Day on May 27th.



Calendar Summary



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- 170 Instructional Days – 84 in the first semester and 86 in the second semester.
- 76,590 Total Minutes - Provides 2 “banked days” if needed for inclement weather.
- Maintains 187-day workday calendar for teachers and aides.
- SHS graduation prior to Memorial Day.