

VAISD 2010-2011 Flex Calendar

Our district's vision is to help prepare our students to be successful adults and we are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to ensure that every student reaches his or her fullest potential. One such idea that has caught our attention is what is called the "Optional Flexible Year Program" – or OFYP. Under this state-allowed program, school districts may adopt a modified school calendar that would allow students who have passed the TAKS to attend up to 10 fewer school days during the regular school year.

One of the school calendars we are considering takes advantage of this program and provides our students opportunities to meet certain criteria to be exempt from attendance for up to ten school days. We contacted several area school districts who are currently using the OFYP this year. All of them expressed satisfaction with their OFYP calendar. They felt the calendar accomplished two goals. First, it provided students with motivation to achieve academically. Second, it provided the school district with the opportunity to provide intense instruction to students who were most in need of that instruction.

Our proposed OFYP – "Flex Calendar" – contains two different levels. First, four days in February are considered Tier I days. Students who meet the criteria will be exempt from attending school on those four days while those remaining receive focused instruction in small group settings. Because our planning group wanted to have an incentive for students to achieve a high academic standard, we set the criteria for these days at a high level. Second, the final six days of the school year (May 26 – June 3) are Tier II days. The criteria for these days is not as demanding but still will provide an incentive for our students. Students remaining in school during the Tier II days will receive intense academic instruction in extremely small group settings. Students who do not pass the TAKS would attend school during Tier II and receive special individualized or small group instruction to help them pass those sections of the test that were causing them difficulty. Students who are not passing a class would have the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the subject and possibly receive credit for the course, within certain guidelines.

See the following page for details on the criteria.

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

Tier I: 5th – 12th grade only **Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 (4 days)**

1. Pass all portions of the 2010 TAKS test.
2. Have a first semester grade of 90 or above in specific subjects
 - Feb 4 – English AND Reading class
 - Feb 11 – Math class
 - Feb 18 – Science class
 - Feb 25 – Social Studies

The student must be enrolled in the subject specific class and make a first semester grade of 90 or above to qualify for the attendance exemption.

3. Have no unexcused absences during the first semester.
4. Have not been assigned to ISS or any more severe disciplinary placement prior to the Tier I date.

Tier II: K – 12th Grade **May 26 – June 3 (6 days)**

1. Pass ALL portions of the 2011 TAKS test
2. Have a grade of 70 or above in each of the student's core (English, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies) classes for the year. The student MUST pass all core classes identified above.
3. Have no unexcused during the second semester.
4. Have not been assigned to ISS or any more severe disciplinary placement during the second semester.

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2010-2011 School Calendar Draft Option 2 - Flex Day Calendar

July 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	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

August 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2010						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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		

School Starts - August 23, 2010
 School Ends - June 3, 2011

- Teacher Service Days
- Holidays
- Testing Date
- Bad Weather
- Early Release
- Tier 1 - Based on 2010 TAKS and 1st semester grades.
- Tier 2 - Based on passing ALL 2011 TAKS test

of Student days required = 180
 # of teacher service days required = 187
 # of bad weather days = 2