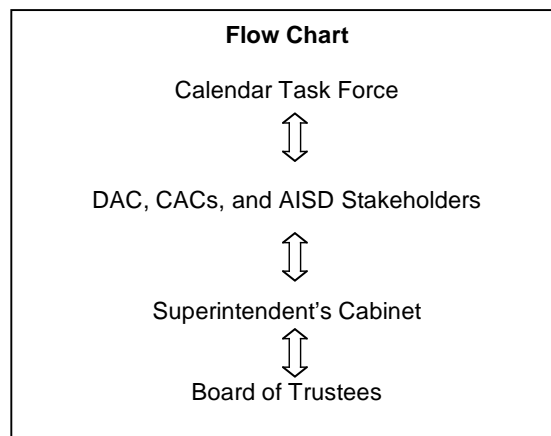


## **2010-2011 CALENDAR PROCESS INFORMATION** **Requirements and Values Applicable to Calendar Development**

The AISD Calendar Task Force is charged with developing and recommending an instructionally sound school calendar that best meets the academic needs of AISD's 84,000 students. The Task Force is guided in its work by the Board of Trustees' Calendar Parameters, state law and other considerations.

- **The Calendar Process**

The process begins annually with a task force of parents and staff who consider an array of legal requirements and local values as they work. After studying options and reviewing input from campuses and other stakeholders, the Task Force recommends two calendar drafts to the Superintendent and her Cabinet. The Superintendent selects one calendar to recommend to the Board of Trustees, who vote the final decision.



- **Legal Requirements**

Instructional days may not begin prior to the fourth Monday in August.

There are 187 required teacher workdays and 175 student instructional days.

School must be in session (1) on the days that the Texas Education Agency schedules the TAKS tests; and (2) on PEIMS (Public Education Information Maintenance System) snapshot day, which is the last Friday in October.

- District Considerations

Staff development/preparation days should be spaced strategically during the semesters to allow for data assessment and responsive professional development.

Elementary parent conference days should be placed strategically to facilitate parent/teacher contact early in the semesters.

The first semester should end prior to Winter Break, giving staff and students a true break.

A teacher preparation day is scheduled the day after semester exams to allow teachers time to get six weeks, semester finals and semester averages completed and posted.

A staff development day is important on the first day after Winter Break to allow teachers to prepare for their students and/or new classes.