



TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hicks Municipal Center
Council Chambers
Tolland, CT 06084

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VISION STATEMENT

To represent education at its best, preparing each student for an ever-changing society, and becoming a full community of learning where excellence is achieved through each individual's success.

BOE GOALS

- Engage in a transparent, robust and responsible budget process that maximizes innovation and efficiency, supports student growth, and is well communicated to the community.
- Foster a data-driven positive learning environment focused on strong academics, professional development, and meaningful social and emotional support for students and staff.
- Nurture and support a just, equitable, and inclusive school community where all stakeholders are acknowledged and respected.
- Ensure that our school properties provide strong safety, security, structure, and wellness conditions for all students and staff.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

AGENDA

December 3, 2025

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A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

B.1 Boys Soccer Team

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2-minute limit)
The members of the Tolland Board of Education welcome members of the public to share their thoughts and ideas at this time. When appropriate to do so, members of the Board and the administration may respond to comments during "Points of Information". However, in consideration of those in attendance and in an effort to proceed in a timely manner, follow-up discussion may need to take place outside of the meeting setting.
- F. CORRESPONDENCE
- G. POINTS OF INFORMATION
- H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT - Camyllia Okyere and Angela Murphy
- I. COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS
- J. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
- K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - K.1 Begin Board of Education Goal Setting (no enclosure)
 - K.2 Begin Discussion of Superintendent Goals (no enclosure)
- L. NEW BUSINESS
 - L.1 Roles and Responsibilities Training – Shipman & Goodwin – Jessica Ritter (no enclosure)
- M. OLD BUSINESS
- N. BOARD ACTION
 - N.1 2026-2027 School Calendar (second read)
- O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (2-minute limit)
Comments must be limited to items on this agenda.
- P. POINTS OF INFORMATION
- Q. FUTURE
- R. ADJOURNMENT

SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND

ITEM: 2026 – 2027 School Calendar

ITEM SUBMITTED BY: Walter Willett, Ph.D., Superintendent

FOR BOE MEETING: December 3, 2025

ITEM SUMMARY:

Please see the Tolland Public School 2026-2027 proposed calendar options. The calendar provides the following advantages:

- Parent/Teacher conferences for grades K through 12
- A full day off November 25 and November 26 to provide families with travel time needed
- Adheres to the EASTCONN calendar as is the requirement for schools in our region
- Fulfills contractual obligations
- Faculty in-service day in February aligned with non-school days in the week to provide families a larger block of time in February
- A reasonable number of Early Release and full professional in-service days
- Early Release days that are more likely to retain student populations and continuity of instruction
- Calendar reviewed by Policy Committee, TEA and Administration.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: N/A

BOARD ATTORNEY REVIEW: N / A

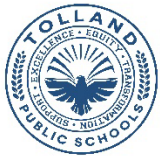
BOE ACTION DESIRED:

When ready:

- 1) Move to Action
- 2) Proposed Motion: *Motion to accept the Tolland Public School 2026-2027 Calendar*
Second. Discussion. Vote.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS ATTACHED:

Calendar attached



TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District School Calendar

2026-2027-DRAFT

First Day: August 31, 2026
 Last Day of School: June 14, 2027
 180 Days

August 2026		(1 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	1/2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
New Teacher On Boarding	20-24	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Teacher In-Service	25-28	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
First Day of School	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30	31					

February 2027		(17 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	1	2	3*	4	5	6	Prof. Development 3	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28							
							President's Day 15	
							February Break 16-17	

September 2026		(21 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5		
Labor Day	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Prof. Development	16	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30			

March 2027		(22 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	1	2	3	4*	5*	6	Parent Conferences 4-5	
	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				
							Prof. Development 24	
							Good Friday 26	

October 2026		(20 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
				1	2	3		
Prof. Development	7	4	5	6	7*	8	9	10
Columbus Day	12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Prof. Development	28	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2027		(17 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
				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		
							Spring Break 12-16	
							Prof. Development 28	

November 2026		(17 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	1	2	3	4	5*	6	7	
Parent Conferences	5-6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Prof. Development	18	15	16	17	18*	19	20	21
Thanksgiving Break	25-27	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30					

May 2027		(20 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
	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						
							Prof. Development 12	
							Prof. Development 26	
							Memorial Day 31	

December 2026		(17 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5		
Prof. Development	9	6	7	8	9*	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Winter Break	24-Jan 1	20	21	22	23*	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30	31		

June 2027		(10 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
		1	2*	3	4	5	Prof. Development 2	
	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				
							Projected Last Day 14	

January 2027		(18 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
					1	2		
New Year's Day	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MLK Day	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mid-Sem (9-12)	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
In-Service (K-8)	27	24	25	26	27	29	30	31

July 2027		(18 school days)						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
				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	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In-Service No School ■ Conferences ■ District Closed ■ Prof. Development (Early Release) 	<p>*Early Dismissal Day – All District</p> <p>THS Mid Semester Date- January 26, 2027 - Grades 9-12</p> <p>K-8 Teacher In-Service – January 27, 2027</p> <p>** Please note the THS mid-semester is subject to change based on weather</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>November 5, 2026– Early Release K-12</p> <p>November 6, 2026 – No school for students</p> <p>March 4 & 5, 2027 – Early Release K-12</p>
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The last day of school is scheduled for June 14, 2027. Please note, where possible, snow or emergency days will first be made up through June days. If, however, such snow or emergency days push the last day of school potentially into the last week of June, days may need to be taken from April or other vacations as needed. According to Connecticut General Statute 10-15 and 10-259 the school year must be at least 180 days and cannot extend past the last day of June. The school calendar is posted on the Tolland Public Schools website at <http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us>

* **Early Dismissal Days**-September 16, 2026, October 7, 2026, November 5, 2026, November 18, 2026, December 9, 2026, December 23, 2026, February 3, 2027, March 4, 2027, March 5, 2027, March 10, 2027, March 24, 2027, April 28, 2027, May 12, 2027, May 26, 2027, June 2, 2027, June 14, 2027

THS Mid Semester Date-January 26, 2027 ** Please note this is subject to change based on weather.

2026-2027 Term Dates

Quarter 1 - September – November, Quarter 2 - November – January, Quarter 3 - February – April, Quarter 4 - April - June
 Trimester 1 - September – December, Trimester 2 - December – March, Trimester 3 - March - June
 Semester 1 - September – January, Semester 2 - February - June

** Please note these are subject to change based on weather.

SCHOOL HOURS

SCHOOL(S)	START	END
Tolland High School		
Regular School Day	7:15	1:43
2-Hour Delay	9:15	1:43
Early Dismissal/Exam Days	7:15	10:45
Tolland Middle School		
Regular School Day	8:00	2:30
2-Hour Delay	10:00	2:30
Early Dismissal	8:00	11:45
Tolland Intermediate School		
Regular School Day	8:45	3:15
2-Hour Delay	10:45	3:15
Early Dismissal	8:45	12:40
Birch Grove Primary School		
Regular School Day	9:00	3:30
2-Hour Delay	11:00	3:30
Early Dismissal	9:00	12:55

2026-2027 HOLIDAYS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

TPS encourages all students and staff members to appreciate and be respectful of each other's heritage and cultural diversity. The following is a list of dates for secular holidays as well as other festivals and holy days observed in our community. Additional information regarding these and other celebrations is available on our website.

Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Rosh Hashanah	September 11-13, 2026
Yom Kippur	September 20-21, 2026
Columbus Day	October 12, 2026
Veterans Day	November 11, 2026
Diwali	November 8, 2026
Thanksgiving Break	November 25-27, 2026
Hanukkah begins	December 4, 2026
Christmas	December 25, 2026
Kwanzaa begins	December 26, 2026
New Year's Day	January 1, 2027
Three Kings Day	January 6, 2027
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027
Chinese New Year	February 6, 2027
Ramadan Starts	February 7, 2027
President's Day	February 15, 2027
Holi	March 22, 2027
Good Friday	March 26, 2027
Eid al Fitr	March 9 - 10, 2027
Passover begins	April 21, 2027
Greek Orthodox Easter	May 2, 2027
Memorial Day	May 31, 2027
Juneteenth	June 19, 2027

■ indicates days on which schools are closed

OUR SCHOOLS

Tolland High School

Thomas Poland, Principal
 Kimberly Marinan, Assistant Principal
 One Eagle Hill
 Phone: 870-6818
 Fax: 870-6826
<http://www.ths.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Intermediate School

Jim Dineen, Principal
 Andrea Kuhn, Assistant Principal
 96 Old Post Road
 Phone: 870-6885
 Fax: 872-7126
<http://www.tis.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Public Schools

Walter Willett, Ph.D, Superintendent
 51 Tolland Green
 Phone: 870-6850
 Fax: 870-7737
<http://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Tolland Middle School

Melissa Hickey, Principal
 Anthony Spangle, Assistant Principal
 One Falcon Way
 Phone: 870-6860
 Fax: 870-5737
<http://www.tms.tolland.k12.ct.us/>

Birch Grove Primary School

Tom Swanson, Principal
 Suzanne Guglietta, Assistant Principal
 247 Rhodes Road
 Phone: 870-6750
 Fax: 870-6754
<http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/>