

POLICY

School Year

Heritage Academy shall operate so that it provides the minimum number of instructional days specified in the Heritage Academy charter currently on file with the State of Texas.

Length of School Day

A school day shall be at least seven hours each day, including intermissions and recesses.

Required Instruction

A primary purposes of the Heritage Academy curriculum is to prepare thoughtful, active citizens who understand the importance of patriotism and can function productively in a free enterprise society with appreciation for the basic democratic values of our state and national heritage. Heritage Academy shall foster the continuation of the tradition of teaching United States and Texas history and the free enterprise system in regular subject matter, in reading courses, and in the adoption of textbooks.

Heritage Academy shall ensure that all students enrolled participate actively in a balanced curriculum designed to meet individual needs.

Heritage Academy shall offer to students in all grade levels the curriculum required by the Heritage Academy charter currently on file with the State of Texas.

School Calendar

The Superintendent shall develop a school calendar reflecting Heritage Academy' operations in accordance with the requirements of the Heritage Academy charter. The Superintendent or designee shall distribute the school calendar to all students and parents.

Celebrate Freedom Week

To educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country was founded, the week in which September 17 falls is designated as Celebrate Freedom Week. Education Code 29.907.

Generation Texas Week

To educate middle school and high school students about the importance of higher education, the Superintendent shall designate one week during the school year as Generation Texas Week. The Superintendent shall designate one week during the school year as Generation Texas Week for all middle school, junior high, and high school students attending the School.

During the designated week, each middle school and high school shall provide students with comprehensive grade-appropriate information regarding the pursuit of higher education. The information provided must include information regarding:

1. Higher education options available to students;
2. Standard admission requirements for institutions of higher education, including:
 - a. Overall high school grade point average;
 - b. Required curriculum;
 - c. College readiness standards and expectations as determined under Education Code 28.008; and
 - d. Scores necessary on generally recognized tests or assessment instruments used in admissions determinations, including the Scholastic Assessment Test and the American College Test;
3. Automatic admission of certain students to general academic teaching institutions as provided by Education Code 51.803; and
4. Financial aid availability and requirement, including the financial aid information provided under Education Code 33.007(b).

Education Code 29.911.

Exercise of Constitutional Right to Pray

A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person shall not require, encourage, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity. Education Code 25.901.