



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Regular Agenda

DATE: November 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval to Amend the Hidalgo County Head Start Program (HCHSP) 2023-2024 Program Calendar for the La Joya Independent School District (ISD)

RATIONALE/NEED: This amendment is to align the recent changes made to the La Joya ISD Calendar.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: None

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: Letter from La Joya ISD Superintendent
HCHSP 2023-2024 for La Joya ISD

INITIATED BY: Nora S. Munoz, Assistant Program Director

REVIEWED BY: Irma E. Pena, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: _____



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We are pleased to share with you that at La Joya ISD, we prioritize the mental well-being of both our students and staff members. Despite our dedicated and nurturing staff, we acknowledge that the demands of high-stakes and rigorous curricula can create stress and pressure for students. To support our students and enhance their overall well-being, we have incorporated two mental health days into our 2023-2024 Revised Calendar. The first Mental Health Day is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023, followed by the second day on Monday, April 1, 2024. Please take note of the following essential points:

- Since our Approved Calendar comprised 77,400 instructional minutes, our students do not need to make up any missed days.
- Contract/Professional employees **are not required** to make up these days.
- **Hourly employees are expected** to make up the **eight hours** during the weeks of **November 13-17, 2023, and April 1-5, 2024.**
- Principals/Department administrators will be creating flexible work schedules to allow these employees to make up that time.

For your convenience, I have attached the **Updated 2023-2024 Approved Revised Calendar**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the **Human Resources** department for clarification. For consistency, **Ms. Myra Ramos** will handle your calls if you have any questions.

Her direct line is 956-323- 2608; any calls to any other department will be directed to Human Resources.

Once again, thank you for all your work and effort during the first two six weeks, and we look forward to a successful and productive third six weeks.

Warm regards,

Mr. Heriberto D. Gonzalez
Superintendent of Schools

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2023-2024 Program Calendar



La Joya

Chapa/Sam Fordyce

Palmview/Tabasco/J. Seguin

2023

July					August					September				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4					1
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
31					28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29

October					November					December				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3					1
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22
30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29

July

August

- 08/1-11/2023 Annual Training
- 08/7-10/2023 Parent Orientation Mtg.
- 08/14/2023 First Day of School
- 08/31/2023 Networking Meeting

September

- 09/12-14/2023 Volunteer Training Conf.
- 09/30/2023 Parent Leadership Conf.

October

- 10/04/2023 Open House I
- 10/21/2023 Gov. Leadership Inst.

November

- 11/16/2023 Parent Fair

December

January

- 01/22/2024-02/02/2024 Self-Assessment

February

- 02/22/2024 Fatherhood Conf.

March

- 03/04-07/2024 Nutrition Awareness

April

- 04/01-05/2024 Week of Young Child
- 04/25/2024 Partnership Assembly

May

- 05/09/2024 Volunteer Assembly
- 05/24/2024 Last Day of School

June

- 06/07/2024 Staff Assembly

Last Day for Center Staff: 06/07/2024

Service Days: 170

Instructional Minutes: 77,400

P.C. Approval: May 17, 2023

C.C. Approval: May 30, 2023

2024

January					February					March				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5				1	2					1
8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8
15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15
22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22
29	30	31			26	27	28	29		25	26	27	28	29

April					May					June				
M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F	M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3					
8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7
15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14
22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21
29	30				27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28

Holidays

09/04/2023	10/09/2023	11/17-24/2023
12/18/2023-01/02/2024	02/12/2024	03/11-15/2024
03/29 - 04/01/2024		

Legend

First/Last Day of School	Weather Day	Staff Dev. Day
Holiday/Non School Days	Staff Workday	Policy Council Mtgs.
Wellness Inservice Day	Early Release Days	