



HENRY FORD ACADEMY
ALAMEDA SCHOOL FOR ART + DESIGN

Alameda School Families:

Back-to-school time is rapidly approaching! We are so excited to welcome your family to Henry Ford Academy: Alameda School for Art + Design for the 2022-2023 school year.

We ask that you please read this letter carefully for information about school-wide improvements that will support the well-being of our students and staff.

School Calendar

Significant listening, learning, and research went into the development of the 2022-2023 Alameda School calendar. The result is a **new four-day school week** with supplemental support and creative opportunities available on designated Fridays; school days will be lengthened to ensure that we deliver the required level of instructional time.

The four-day week has been adopted by a growing number of schools in Texas and across the country over the past 10 years (or more). Many schools and districts cite budgetary reasons as a driver; however, HFA: Alameda School's new calendar arises from **observed and voiced needs for structures that improve personal well-being**, and better reflects the innovative and responsive nature of our small, student-focused learning community.

Key things to know:

- The first day of school for students is **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**. A copy of the Board-approved calendar is attached for your reference.
- Students will attend school **Monday through Thursday**, rather than Monday through Friday. Daily attendance is **critical** to personal and academic success.
- School day start/end times have **changed to 8:25am-4:30pm**, Monday – Thursday.
- **Tutoring and credit recovery will shift** from after school to designated Fridays for those who need support.
- On-campus Studio Time to work on **creative student projects** and participate in **enriching opportunities** will be available on designated Fridays.



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