



# 2026-2027 APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION DAYS

These are the recognition and appreciation days for various groups, departments, significant contributions, and national and state events that RISD will celebrate districtwide in 2026-2027. **This calendar does not include nationally recognized holidays.** RISD departments and campuses are welcome to celebrate other recognition and appreciation days along with these.

## September 2026

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| <b>Attendance Awareness Month</b> . . . . .      | <b>September</b>      |
| Patriot Day/Texas First Responders . . . . .     | 11                    |
| National AVID Day . . . . .                      | 12                    |
| National Voter Registration Day . . . . .        | 15                    |
| <b>National Hispanic Heritage Month.</b> . . . . | <b>Sept 15-Oct 15</b> |
| Constitution Day . . . . .                       | 17                    |
| Celebrate Freedom Week . . . . .                 | 17-23                 |
| Education Technology Day . . . . .               | 23                    |

## October 2026

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| <b>Dyslexia Awareness Month</b> . . . . .              | <b>October</b> |
| <b>National Bullying Prevention Month.</b> . . . .     | <b>October</b> |
| <b>National Principals Month</b> . . . . .             | <b>October</b> |
| School Custodian Appreciation Day . . . . .            | 2              |
| National Coaches Day (Academic/Instructional). . . . . | 6              |
| Walk and Roll to School Day. . . . .                   | 7              |
| Pink Out Day/Breast Cancer Awareness Day . . . . .     | 13             |
| National School Lunch Week . . . . .                   | 12-16          |
| National Boss's Day . . . . .                          | 16             |
| Digital Citizenship Week . . . . .                     | 19-23          |
| National School Bus Safety Week. . . . .               | 19-23          |
| Red Ribbon Week . . . . .                              | 26-30          |

## November 2026

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| <b>National Family Engagement Month</b> . . . . . | <b>November</b> |
| <b>Native American Heritage Month</b> . . . . .   | <b>November</b> |
| Texas Athletic Coaches Day . . . . .              | 6               |
| National STEM/STEAM Day . . . . .                 | 8               |
| Richardson Reads Day . . . . .                    | 20              |
| Substitute Educators Day . . . . .                | 20              |

## December 2026

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| National Special Education Day . . . . . | 2 |
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## January 2027

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| <b>School Board Appreciation Month</b> . . . . . | <b>January</b> |
| Holocaust Remembrance Week . . . . .             | 25-29          |

## February 2027

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| <b>Black History Month.</b> . . . . .                 | <b>February</b> |
| <b>Career and Technical Education Month</b> . . . . . | <b>February</b> |
| <b>National Magnet School Month</b> . . . . .         | <b>February</b> |
| National School Counseling Week . . . . .             | 1-5             |
| Texas Military Heroes Day . . . . .                   | 2               |
| Crossing Guard Appreciation Day . . . . .             | 10              |
| School Resource Officer Day . . . . .                 | 15              |
| National Leadership Day. . . . .                      | 20              |

## March 2027

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| <b>RISD Fine Arts Appreciation Month</b> . . . . . | <b>March</b> |
| <b>Texas History Month.</b> . . . . .              | <b>March</b> |
| Read Across America Day . . . . .                  | 2            |
| Texas Independence Day/Texas Flag Day. . . . .     | 2            |
| Texas Public Schools Week. . . . .                 | 1-5          |
| National School Breakfast Week . . . . .           | 1-5          |
| Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day . . . . .      | 6            |

## April 2027

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| <b>Month of the Military Child</b> . . . . .                   | <b>April</b> |
| School Librarian Appreciation Day . . . . .                    | 4            |
| National Assistant Principals Week . . . . .                   | 5-9          |
| GT Awareness Week. . . . .                                     | 5-9          |
| Tejano Day . . . . .                                           | 6            |
| Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day (Classroom Aides) . . . . . | 7            |
| Public School Volunteer Week . . . . .                         | 19-23        |
| Administrative Professionals Day (Office Staff). . . . .       | 21           |
| School Bus Driver Appreciation Day . . . . .                   | 27           |

## May 2027

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| <b>Asian American &amp; Pacific Islander Heritage Month</b> . . . | <b>May</b> |
| <b>Mental Health Awareness Month</b> . . . . .                    | <b>May</b> |
| School Principal Day . . . . .                                    | 1          |
| National Teacher Appreciation Week. . . . .                       | 3-7        |
| National Bike & Roll to School Day . . . . .                      | 5          |
| School Lunch Hero Day. . . . .                                    | 7          |
| National School Nurse Day . . . . .                               | 12         |

**Every effort** has been made to ensure the accuracy of the calendar. If you know a day, week, or month that is related to public education or our school district, please email the information to [lisa.andrews@risd.org](mailto:lisa.andrews@risd.org). We are excited about being intentional in our efforts to highlight amazing people and programs in Richardson ISD.