

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-012

TO: Community College Presidents
FROM: Jeff Cox, Ed.D., NCCCS President
RE: Academic Calendar Flexibility for Fall 2028
DATE: March 5, 2026

The purpose of this memo is to provide colleges additional flexibility when scheduling the Fall 2028 academic term. College boards of trustees, per 1G SBCCC 200.93, have the authority to establish the beginning and end date of the Fall term within the timeframe of August 15 – December 31, unless the System President grants an exception.

Given that August 14 falls on a Monday, a blanket exception will be allowed. All colleges wanting to begin the Fall 2028 term on August 14 may do so given the following conditions are met:

- The college's Fall 2028 term must begin after the Summer 2028 term's end date.
- The Summer Term should end no later than August 13.

Colleges utilizing this temporary flexibility do not need to submit a request or any additional documentation.

Please be reminded that colleges have the flexibility to determine the length of the Summer 2028 term and individual course sections may vary if credit hours are assigned. Membership hours must be reported in consistence with System policies. Colleges may also use existing flexibility to schedule curriculum course sections that fall outside the academic term beginning. Course end dates can be adjusted if needed to meet the needs of constituent groups (for example, courses provided at high schools, military bases, prisons, or at the specific request of business).

CC: Brian S. Merritt, Senior Vice President & Chief Academic Officer