

SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

FOR DISTRICT LEADERS

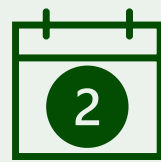
Arkansas school districts have four different calendar options:



Traditional

178 school days
30 hours per week
6 hours per day
1,068 total hours

AMI Eligible: ✓



4-Day Week

142 school days
30 hours per week
7.5 hours per day
1,068 total hours

AMI Eligible: ✓



Year-Round

178 school days
30 hours per week
6 hours per day
1,068 total hours

AMI Eligible: ✓



Alternate

--- school days
--- hours per week
--- hours per day
1,068 total hours

AMI Eligible: ✗

If your district is considering adopting a new calendar, you may want to consider the following items:

MODIFIED SCHOOL STRUCTURES

- Will you be offering additional RTI or intervention programs during the “off” times?
- Will you change your academic schedule to allow more time for blocking?
- Will Pre-K adopt the same calendar?
Note: This is important if you are planning on adopting a four-day school week

MONITORING OUTCOMES

What outcomes are you monitoring to see if the adoption of a new calendar is a success? Examples include but are not limited to:

- Student & staff attendance
- Academic achievement
- Academic growth
- Community crime during “off” time
- Number of school choice students

SCHOOL PARTNERS

- Will the local higher education institution or CTE Center work with your calendar?
- Will you provide food services during the “off” times?
- Will students on backpack programs have enough food for extended breaks or holidays?
- Will you provide a snack if your school day is extended?

MISCELLANEOUS

- How does working four school days instead of five impact classified staff salaries?
- Will you offer or work with local partners to provide childcare options during the “off” times?
- How will you communicate to district employees about policy changes that may be a result of the new calendar (sick days, classified salaries, etc.)?
- What days are medical offices in your community closed?
- How will you continually assess if the community is supportive of the new calendar?
- Will your district have enough time for summer activities (maintenance, repairs, waxing floors, etc.)?

Note: The considerations were developed following interviews with superintendents using non-traditional calendars

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