

SCHOOL CALENDAR CONSIDERATIONS

FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS

Arkansas school districts have four different calendar options:



Traditional

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

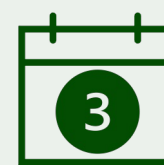
AMI Eligible: ✓



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: ✗

AMI stands for Alternative Methods of Instruction. AMI are days in which school is cancelled but students do not have to make-up the day because work is provided in advance.

If your district is considering adopting a new calendar, they will need to gather input from the community. The following are helpful questions to ask, or things to be mindful of when adopting a new calendar.

What are the benefits of transitioning to a non-traditional calendar?

How will the stop/start times change?

Notes:
Will the daily school times change?
Will the academic calendar start time change?

Will something be offered on the "off day" of the week or intercession that students don't attend school?

What will be the "off" day? Is it the same day dentist or doctor's offices are closed?

Will childcare be provided during the "off" time?

Is the implementation of a new calendar permanent? How are you monitoring the effects of adoption?

What do the athletic or extra curricular practices look like during the "off time"?

Will there still be food services available on the "off" time?

Will students still receive the same amount of therapies, interventions, or services?

Will Pre-K or ABC Programs also adopt the new calendar?

Note:
Ask this question specifically if your district is considering a four-day week.

How will instruction and the curriculum be impacted?

How will this calendar impact students at CTE Career Centers or taking dual enrollment?