

SAMPLE SURVEY QUESTIONS
for gathering parent/community input
about a school calendar change.



(District Name) School District is considering changing to a (four-day school week/ year-round calendar) for the 2023-24 school year. We are considering this change because (provide motivation/ background information about the calendar/ how you would use the 'off' time from schools/ food accessibility).

We are gathering opinions from parents and community members about this possible change in the school schedule and would like to include your perspective.

Please complete the survey by *(DATE)*. Thank you for your input, and please contact (Contact Name and Phone) if you have any questions.

Will you have a child/ children attending *(District Name)* School District in the 2023-24 school year? Y/N

If YES: What school(s) will your child/ children be attending? *Select all that apply list school names and grades served*

If NO: What best describes your connection with the school district? Select one

- Community business owner
- Community medical professional
- Community service provider
- Community leader
- Community resident
- District Employee
- School Board Member
- Other

Questions for 4-day week

What do you see as the top three benefits of moving to a four-day school week?

Check up to three boxes or check no benefits or check "other" and then explain

- Increase in academic success for students
- Increase in teacher/staff attendance
- Increase in student attendance
- Improved mental health for students
- Improved mental health for teachers/staff
- Longer weekends
- More family time
- Recruiting or retaining staff
- Student employment opportunities

Reduced childcare costs for after-school care
Ease of scheduling outside appointments without missing school
Fiscal implications for the district (saving money)
No Benefits
Other (open response)

What are your top three concerns of moving to a four-day school week?

Check up to three or check no concerns or check "other" then explain

Availability/ cost of childcare for day not in school
Students spending more time on social media
Lack of supervision for older students on "off" day
Length of the school day for students and teachers
Source of food for students not attending school on "off" day
Each day a student/ teacher is absent counts as 1.25 days absent
Decrease in academic success for students
Decreased time for extra-curriculars (sports, arts, etc.)
Decreased time for after-school work/employment for students
Decreased quality of instruction
Fiscal implications for the district (spending more money)
No Concerns
Other (open response)

How you think that a four-day school week would impact your family?

Very positively
Somewhat positively
Somewhat negatively
Very negatively
No Change

If a four-day week is implemented, I would prefer a non-school day on:

Monday
Friday
Either one

Please indicate your overall opinion about the introduction of a four-day school week in our school district

Strongly Favor
Favor
Undecided
Against
Strongly Against

Open response:

Please tell us more about your opinion of a four-day school week.

Questions for year-round calendar

What do you see as the top three benefits of moving to a year-round calendar?

Check up to three boxes or check no benefits or check "other" and then explain

- Increase in academic success for students
- Increase in staff attendance
- Increase in student attendance
- More family time
- Recruiting or retaining staff
- More opportunities for vacations/ travel
- Ease of scheduling outside appointments without missing school
- Fiscal Implications for the district (saving money)
- No Benefits
- Other (open response)

What are your top three concerns of moving to a year-round calendar?

Check up to three or check no concerns or check "other" then explain

- Coordinating schedules with other students/ families
- Availability/cost of care for younger students during breaks
- Lack of supervision for older students during breaks
- Source of food for students not attending school during breaks
- Decrease in academic success for students
- Decreased time for extra-curriculars (sports, arts, etc.)
- Decreased quality of instruction
- Lack of employment opportunities for students in the summer
- Lack of enrichment opportunities for students in the summer
- Fiscal implications for the district (spending more money)
- No Concerns
- Other (open response)

How you think that a year-round calendar would impact your family?

- Very positively
- Somewhat positively
- Somewhat negatively
- Very negatively
- No Change

Please indicate your opinion about the introduction of a year-round calendar in our school district.

Strongly Favor

Favor

Undecided

Against

Strongly Against

Open response:

Please tell us more about your opinion of a year-round calendar in our school district.