

# Mission Alignment

*Connecting to our Purpose*

The Gallatin County School District

**In Partnership**

**With The Community**

Will Maximize Student Learning

**& Achievement**

## GUIDING QUESTION

HOW ARE WE  
ALIGNING OUR  
CALENDAR TO  
ACHIEVE OUR  
DISTRICT'S MISSION?

# SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRINCIPAL - Amanda Carroll GCUE

CO ADMIN - Tony Jury GCCO

BOARD MEMBER - Amanda Dunavent GCBOE

PARENT OF STUDENT - Megan Taylor GCUE

PARENT OF STUDENT - Rachel Riddle GCHS

ELEMENTARY TEACHER - Debbie Harsin GCUE GCLE

MIDDLE/HIGH TEACHER - Allie Webster GCMS GCUE

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE - Martha Sebring GCCO

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE - Crystal Rainwater GCUE

LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNER - Fred Ogden Dorman Products

LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNER - Cathy Hanley Nucor Steel



[Calendar Options](#)

[Committee Sign in Sheet](#)

# SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLANNING

EVENT	WHO	WHEN	Purpose
Board Meeting	Mr. Booher & Board	October 15th 6:00	To present the committee members to the board and answer any questions
1st CC Meeting	Committee Members	October 24th, 5:30 at Central Office	To ensure a calendar is created that aligns with the mission of the GCS and supports the best education for all students..
2nd CC Meeting	Committee Members	November 5th 5:30 at Central Office (If Necessary)	To finalize a calendar for the 2020-21 to present to the board
Board Meeting	Mr. Booher & Board	November 19th 6:00 at GCHS	To present a final calendar to the board and answer any questions
Board Meeting	Mr. Booher & Board	December 17th 6:00 at GCHS	Potential adoption of the Calendar

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

What does the law say?

## KRS 158.070 -

- Minimum school term- 185 days including student attendance days, teacher professional days, and holidays.
- Student instructional year - 1,062 hours of instructional time for students delivered on not less than one hundred seventy (**170**) student attendance days - KRS 158.070

## Recent Amendments:

•**Variable student instructional year** - Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, and each year thereafter, a local school board of education that adopts a school calendar with the first student attendance day in the school term starting no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 may use a variable student instructional year. "Variable student instructional year" means at least one thousand sixty-two (1,062) hours of instructional time delivered on the number of student attendance days adopted by a local board of education which shall be considered proportionally equivalent to one hundred and seventy (170) student attendance days and calendar days for the purposes of a student instructional year.

•**NTI(Non-Traditional Instruction) days** - *KRS 158.070 Section 9: ....commissioner of education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for school districts that have an alternative instruction plan approved by the commissioner of education for the use of alternative methods of instruction.*

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## What does the law say?

### Calendar Committee:

- (1) school district principal;
- (1) school district office administrator other than the superintendent;
- (1) member of the local board of education;
- (2) parents of students attending a school in the district;
- (1) school district elementary school teacher;
- (1) school district middle or high school teacher;
- (2) school district classified employees;
- (2) community members from the local chamber of commerce, business community, or tourism commission;

The local board of education shall adopt a school calendar on or before May 15 of each year.

### •The calendar shall:

- **Opening day** shall be scheduled to occur prior to the first student attendance day of the student instructional year.
- **Closing day** shall be scheduled to occur following the completion of the last student attendance day of the student instructional year.
- **4 Professional Days** Scheduled
- **4 Holidays, MLK day** is required to be one of the 4 days.
- Local school districts shall plan, in accordance with this subsection, for the **make-up** of instructional time missed due to emergency. In addition to the minimum 1,062 hour student instructional year, the school calendar shall include days equal to the greatest number of days missed system-wide in the local school district over the preceding five (5) school years.
- Graduation ceremonies may be held before the end of the student instructional year. Diplomas shall be distributed after completion of the student instructional year.

### District Policy

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

What to consider....

Current	redefining <b>G</b> reatness
172 Instructional Days	Increased learning by taking instructional days to 173
No day off for Election Day	Next year is presidential election, so we are required to be off
5 Faculty/Staff Days	Do we need 5?
Early Release Days	Are they effective?
PD Days	Are they placed best to benefit teachers and ultimately student learning?
Some long stretches...	Research shows that having a 3 day weekend every 3 to 4 weeks is beneficial to student learning (brain breaks). Other top districts in the state have 3 day weekends in Feb., Mar., & Apr.



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[State Calendar Summaries](#)

# ATTENDANCE DATA

## CONCLUSIONS

- **Shorter weeks, two days before Thanksgiving for example, attendance is on average 2% lower than normal.**
- **Attendance the day before fall break has been 95%, 94% and 93% while attendance the day after has been 93%, 94% and 94%**
- **There are no clear trends in how our current calendar decisions have impacted attendance.**

# CALENDAR COMPARISONS

## Calendar Options

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	2019-2020	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Contracted Days	185	185	185	185
Instructional Days	172	172	173	174
Holidays	4	4	4	4
PD Days	4	4	4	4
Staff Work Days	5	5	4	3
Start Date, End Date	Aug 15th - May 20th	Aug 13th - May 19th	August 12th - May 20th	August 6th - May 20th
Semester 1	82 Total Days	82 Total Days	82 Total Days	85.5 Total Days
Semester 2	90 Total Days	90 Total Days	91 Total Days	88.5 Total Days
Fall Break	Oct 7th - 11th	Oct 5th - Oct 9th	Oct 5th - 9th	Oct 5th - 9th
Winter Break	Dec 20th - Jan 3rd	Dec 21st - Jan 1st	Dec 21st - Jan 1st	Dec 21st - Jan 1st
Spring Break	April 6th - 10th	April -5th - 9th	April 5th - 9th	April 5th - 9th

# CALENDAR COMPARISONS

## Calendar Options

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	Option 4
Contracted Days	185
Instructional Days	175
Holidays	4
PD Days	4
Staff Work Days	2
Start Date, End Date	August 6th - May 19th
Semester 1	85 Total Days
Semester 2	90 Total Days
Fall Break	Oct 5th - 9th
Winter Break	Dec 21st - Jan 1st
Spring Break	April 5th - 9th



# CALENDAR COMMITTEE PROS & DELTAS

	Pros	Deltas
Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 13th Start date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/2 School Day</li> <li>• PD during Fall Break</li> <li>• No Brain Breaks</li> <li>• 3 less instructional days</li> <li>• Opening day on 8/7 (Friday)</li> <li>• No built in make-up days</li> </ul>
Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 12th start date</li> <li>• 11/2 off</li> <li>• Opening day is the day before school begins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD During Fall Break</li> <li>• No Brain Breaks</li> <li>• 1 less instructional day than Option 3</li> <li>• PD on 8/7 (Friday)</li> <li>• No Built in make-up days</li> </ul>
Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/2 off</li> <li>• No PD During Fall Break</li> <li>• Brain Breaks throughout the year</li> <li>• 174 Instructional Days</li> <li>• Make-up Days embedded</li> <li>• All 14 state testing window days are in May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day off coming back from fall break</li> <li>• No Early Release Days built in</li> </ul>
Option 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/2 off</li> <li>• No PD During Fall Break</li> <li>• Brain Breaks throughout the year</li> <li>• 175 Instructional Days</li> <li>• Make-up Days embeded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day off coming back from fall break</li> <li>• No Early Release Days built in</li> <li>• Long stretch between Spring Break and end of the year</li> <li>• Testing window starts on a Friday in April (4/30)</li> </ul>

# **DISCUSSION TAKEAWAYS**

- 1. The committee seemed in favor of Option 3 with a few modifications**
- 2. The committee recommended that the Flexible PD day on October 12th be moved to April 30th**
- 3. To compensate for this extra day, the committee recommended February 15th be Closed and a Snow Make-up Day**
- 4. The committee recommended that the last days of each semester (Dec. 18th and May 20th) be early release days**