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# Calendar Committee Survey Results

2024-2025 School Calendar

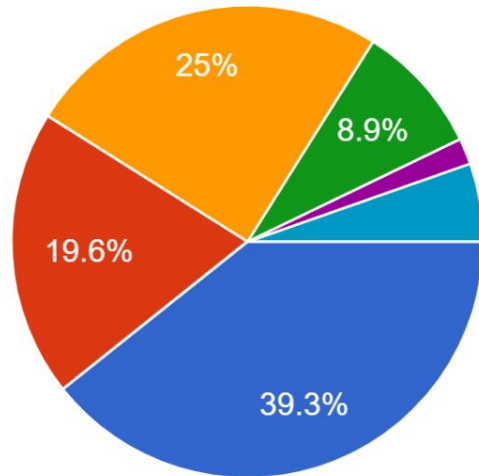
*Staff & Community Survey Results*

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## Work Location/Assignment

56 responses



- R.E. Stevenson Elementary School
- Russellville Middle School
- Russellville High School
- Central Office
- Food Service
- Transportation
- Maintenance

**Fall Break has traditionally been the first full week of October. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Fall Break would be October 7-11, 2024. What are your thoughts on scheduling fall break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

One week later. There has consistently been an issue with the district tournament for high school soccer having to take place during fall break.

Follow Logan Co School District schedule

A two week fall break scheduled at the same time as Logan County High School is needed to align with the CTC and JROTC programs for our students, as well as, for those faculty and staff who have spouses, children, or other family members at the county school. Not aligning our schedule more closely to fit the county school is a disservice to our students and those teachers whose classes are continuously interrupted with our students arriving early or late to class.

"I think 2 weeks for fall break. The first and second week of October.

If only one week, then either would work. "

2 weeks for fall break would be great!

The first week works well.

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A later break doesn't matter to me - I like it better when the breaks line up with the 9 week cut offs.

I feel Fall break should be after first grading period.

Stay the first week in October

Keep it the first week of October

the second week

I think it is fine the way it is

Stay 1st week

It doesn't matter to me either way.

This would be fine.

I don't mind our fall break being the new dates. I prefer it to stay the first full week.

Fall break should be two weeks.

**Fall Break has traditionally been the first full week of October. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Fall Break would be October 7-11, 2024. What are your thoughts on scheduling fall break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

I like the first week of October. It has been consistent that way and is easy to just know it will be that week.

I think that date is fine

We need to be on LCHS schedule, 2 weeks Fall Break. If not, keep it the first week of October. Sept. 30 - October 4

2 days for fall break and a week for Thanksgiving

If it has "always" been the first week of October why would it be moved?

Fall Break should probably fall at the end of the first quarter. This provides a hard break that is beneficial to planning and students knowing where they stand in a class.

if it provides a better "breaking point" the 7th to 11th is fine

This week has shown that at the high school, the students that go to CTC are not getting additional instruction since both Logan and Todd county are still out and ROTC students are not even able to go to their classes this week at all, so we have to have a place for them to be supervised here. So, based on that alone, I feel that we should be thinking about being on a schedule closer to LCS just for high school CTC students to benefit.

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unknown at this time

That date would be fine.

I think we should schedule to have two full weeks of fall break instead of only one.

Stay with traditional first full week

Timing Fall Break to be the end of the Q1 grading period is more significant to me than a traditional week.

Students would benefit from a 2wk break by increasing their productivity in terms of processing and reflecting previous learning.

I think that keeping this schedule is beneficial to both. Taking a break too soon after the start of the school year doesn't give the students time to retain the information they have been learning.

I would like it to be Oct. 7-11...that way we would be on the same schedule with other schools around us

This plan usually works well and goes with the Tobacco Festival week. This year it was a little off which made fall break seem a little off. Sometimes I think it would be nice to get the first quarter in (more natural break) before fall break.

I would vote for 2 weeks of fall break.

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Sticking with the same schedule helps parents plan ahead.

The end of the nine weeks would be a better academic break. Students are stressing over reconnecting with content started in the first eight weeks so they can have positive report cards. Kids at CTC are doing nothing because of county being out two weeks.

Don't change

Keep the 7-11 dates

2 weeks of fall break

I think it is important for CTC students to match Logan County's schedule.

I think we should have a 2 week fall break like Logan counties.

Students who have classes at CTC need to be supported somehow, or at least planned for, when Logan County has a break that is different from RHS, and that goes for spring break as well.

Works

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I feel like fall break should follow Warren and Logan county to make sure our staff has time with family if they are in those counties.

Fall break as close to the end of the quarter for concluding it.

Students in the district benefit from a break after getting back into the rhythm of school.

I think Fall Break needs to be 2 weeks for next school year and that's because we have students who do attend LCCTC and the week that Logan Co. is out they are still required to go, but from what students have said they "sit there".

I think it's good.

I would focus on keeping RISD's fall break so that at least one week overlaps Logan County School Districts Fall Break. Many families in our community have students that attend both schools. We also have staff members in our district that have children that go to a county school. We have noticed that many students are out the week that the county schools is out.

I think we should continue with the same week

I think it would be fine with it being just a week after what we normally do. I do think it would need to be stressed to parents way ahead of time for those who plan vacations.

I think 2 weeks of fall break would be great in order to to off the same time as Logan



**Fall Break has traditionally been the first full week of October. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Fall Break would be October 7-11, 2024. What are your thoughts on scheduling fall break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

Fine.

First full week of October

Fall break is fine that week.

Stay with the other schools around us

Same calendar as Logan would help families that have kids in both districts.

The partial week ending 10/4 before would be great for band to not have to come in during break for practice for tobacco festival parade and competition after the parade which is always the 2nd Saturday in October

Whatever works around the marching band schedule

It would be great to be on Logan county's schedule

**Spring Break has traditionally been the first full week of April. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Spring Break would be April 7-11, 2025. What are your thoughts on scheduling spring break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

Follow Logan Co District schedule

Same answer as above. However, I also feel that a one week break at this time IS better for preparing our students for the end of the year state assessments.

Because of state testing being so close I believe one week of spring break is good.

2 full weeks of spring break

Spring break the first week is good as well.

A later break doesn't matter to me - I like it better when the breaks line up with the 9 week cut offs.

Works for me.

Stay the first week in April

Keep it the first week of April

**Spring Break has traditionally been the first full week of April. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Spring Break would be April 7-11, 2025. What are your thoughts on scheduling spring break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

the second week

It is fine the way it is

Stay first week

It doesn't matter to me either way.

This would be fine.

I don't mind our spring break being the new dates. I prefer it to stay the first full week.

Spring break should be two weeks.

I like the consistency of keeping the same week each year.

I think that two weeks would be best for student needs

We need to be on LCHS schedule, 2 weeks Spring Break. If not, keep it the first week of April. March 31 - April 4.

I would recommend it be earlier in the year, mid-march or so.

## **Spring Break has traditionally been the first full week of April. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Spring Break would be April 7-11, 2025. What are your thoughts on scheduling spring break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

If it has "always" been the first week of April why would it be moved?

Spring Break should fall at the end of the third quarter. This is for the same reasons as scheduling Fall Break given above.

If it provides a better "breaking point" the 7th to 11th is fine

This would be the same as fall break. Our CTC students have been getting less instruction due to scheduling being different than the other two schools.

unknown at this time

That date would be fine.

I think we should schedule to have two full weeks of spring break instead of only one.

Stay with traditional first full week

With Easter being so late this year, I think the main consideration should be to time as close to the end of the Q3 grading period as possible.

Students would benefit from two weeks of break in the spring by reducing their stress levels as we approach testing and end of the year assessments.

Having a later spring break gives the students a "countdown to summer" mentality. On the other hand, as a parent, I have always felt an earlier break would be better for learning and prepping for the end of the year.

I would like having spring break April 7-11

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This does seem to work well, however I've wondered why we don't have days off around Easter.

I would vote for fall break first to be extended, then I would put spring break second.

Sticking with the same schedule helps parents plan ahead.

That schedule is fine.

Don't change

Keep the 7-11 dates

2 weeks of spring break

I think it is important for CTC students to match Logan County's schedule.

Same as Logan counties.

Works

**Spring Break has traditionally been the first full week of April. Following the traditional dates for the 2024-2025 school year, Spring Break would be April 7-11, 2025. What are your thoughts on scheduling spring break, taking into account both instructional needs and student well-being?**

I feel like fall break should follow Warren and Logan county to make sure our staff has time with family if they are in those counties.

Spring break following a one week schedule being so close to testing and the end of school is the most beneficial for students. "

Again, the same thing- it should be 2 weeks long due to the same reason as Fall Break.

This would be best.

Please see the fall break question. We as a district should at least consider keeping one week of our break at the same time as the county schools.

continue with spring break as years past

This one would be harder due to January , February and March being long months. Then it would be such a short time to end of the school year.

I think 2 weeks of spring break would be great in order to line up with Logan wold be great but use the first week if we have a lot of snow days

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Fine.

First full week of April

Spring break is fine that week.

Plan with the schools around us

Same calendar as Logan would help families that have kids in both districts.

April 7-11 is good but the week before would also be good

Either one works for us

As long as we could be out before Memorial day it would be great to be on Logans schedule

## Are there any innovative ideas or best practices from other schools or districts that we should consider when developing our calendar for the 2024-2025 school year?

If Logan County can have two weeks for fall break and spring break, I am not sure why we are unable to copy their schedule. This would provide a lot of ease for parents, families, etc. that might work in a different school than their child.

Logan Co District calendar

Our instructional days should fall in line with Logan County schools.

I think we should for sure consider the 2 weeks for fall and spring break! Or even just 2 weeks for fall being that state testing is so close to spring break! I also have a child in Logan county schools and would love to be able to be on the same break as them.

Following the two week break in the fall and spring would be beneficial for students who go to CTC. Based on the various calendars between us, Todd, and Logan, these students do not get as much instruction time.

For multiple reasons, i feel like it would be beneficial to follow the same schedule as Logan County. The CTC is affected, families have students in both districts, and I feel like our students' performance is lower the week we are in school but Logan isn't when they see friends are off and they aren't.

Possibility of 2 weeks for both spring and fall break

Please don't shorten teachers Winter Break. We deserve 2 full weeks.

Two week breaks

Creating two week breaks in the fall and spring. This change would make our district more desirable for new teachers as well as increasing our attendance. Currently we have students miss based on other schools taking longer breaks and thinking that we will not do much because nobody comes.



## Are there any innovative ideas or best practices from other schools or districts that we should consider when developing our calendar for the 2024-2025 school year?

Two weeks of spring break like Logan County

Families go to both schools ( RISD & LCHS) and the breaks need to align. Teachers and students need that extra break. It would give everyone time to be with family and be well rested.

I like the having a PD after breaks, it gives a teachers a chance to come in and collaborate through PLC's before starting the new 9 weeks.

I was in a district that did two days for fall break and then a week for thanksgiving. I really liked that schedule as it didn't break routines during the fall semester and having a week at Thanksgiving was better than having a week earlier in the year. "

The students having the Monday off after fall break doesn't make much sense to me. Could that curriculum day not be moved to another Monday or Friday later in October.

I do not know if it is effective but LC has two weeks at each break. Instead of Mondays off, use Fridays instead or include Fridays, especially weekends that are around holidays.

2 week fall break/spring break

Early Release Friday every week

PD/Curriculum days first day back from fall, holiday, and spring breaks

Reduce to 171 instructional days so there are two additional curriculum/PD days for teachers to either prepare before the school year starts or have strategic days placed within the year when planning, grades, etc., are at the heaviest demand.

Our neighboring district provides students and families 2 weeks for fall break, spring break, winter break.

I know Todd. Co. does early release on the day(like the Friday before their fall break) before each break...that would be nice

Planning a curriculum day for 11/1 was a great idea because students are so tired from trick or treating the night before.

## Are there any innovative ideas or best practices from other schools or districts that we should consider when developing our calendar for the 2024-2025 school year?

Please consider the parent teacher conferences to be scheduled like Franklin Simpson.

2 weeks of fall/spring break and still have practically the same calendar as Logan

Longer breaks like Logan Counties, it allows students and teachers who have family in Logan county have the same breaks.

I really like having a staff work day after each break as other districts have, so I hope that is kept in next year's schedule.

Maybe being on the same schedule as Logan County due to parents and other students being there

I feel strongly that Russellville should consider mimicking Logan Counties schedule with the breaks. This would help to retain teachers.

We should also make sure that our breaks correspond with Warren County as it would help with recruiting WKU. "

I do like Logan County's calendar- 2 weeks for Fall and Spring Break. They start about the same time and get out the same time.

I think we should be similar to our neighboring district

August to December there are a lot more days off but not as many from January to May. If there was a way to spread them out more. It helps to have a short break (even a day) on those winter months.

Students have to be in school by minutes we could have a little longer school days and a little longer breaks and still get out by the end of May.

## Are there any innovative ideas or best practices from other schools or districts that we should consider when developing our calendar for the 2024-2025 school year?

START LATER!!!! Other schools not far from us start as late as the last week of August with great success. They still have the same fall break we do.

Having the same days off as Logan Co helps parents, like me, that have children in both school districts.

Following the model of Franklin Simpson High School parent teacher conference.

Plan with the other schools around us

Later start date in August would be great

2 full weeks at Christmas break, no exceptions

## Are there any special considerations for extracurricular activities, sports schedules, or other school-related events that we should factor into the calendar planning?

As stated above, high school soccer district tournaments are always falling within fall break because we have to move around when regionals take place. Is it not possible to move fall break a week later?

Again, reasons for lining up with Logan.

Let the kids have their breaks off from extra curricular

Delaying sports or other activities will not harm anyone. Life goes on.

This isn't possible BUT if Russellville, Logan, Todd, and Franklin could have similar days off that would really help extracurricular activities, sports, school events, and parents who work in different school districts. I know Logan is off two weeks for both fall and spring but only get out a week later than us in May. How are we going to school an extra week than Logan is?

If events are scheduled, then school needs to be in session.

2nd run of buses on T, W, R to incorporate after-school tutoring, clubs, etc

None that I can think of at this time.

Our students travel to CTC and our schedule enables our students to be the only students back upon the return from breaks for that first week.

Not that I am aware of by I'm not currently involved in those activities.

District or Region tournament will fall on Fall Break nothing you can really do about that.

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If we do a 2 week break we could maybe consider food services on the second week.

We Could also consider the second week being an ESS week for students to serve as an intervention week.

It would be the normal extracurricular activities and sports that are during those break times.

For SES, the time is the main factor. Even now in after school it is 5:15 when first graders get home.

4-H camp in the first full week of June.

Don't schedule away football the night before fall break!! Make it a home game!!

If we have breaks the same time as surrounding schools everything will be fine

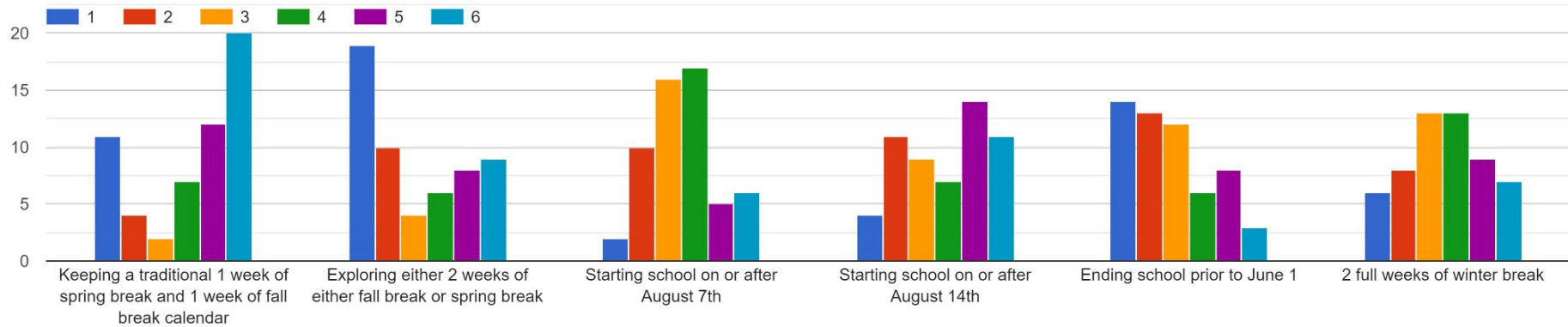
Soccer district tournament is always the first full week of October. Region is the following week.

Band competes after parade 2nd Saturday in October. Coming in to practice during fall break doesn't really give these kids a break or time for family trips

Marching Band for fall

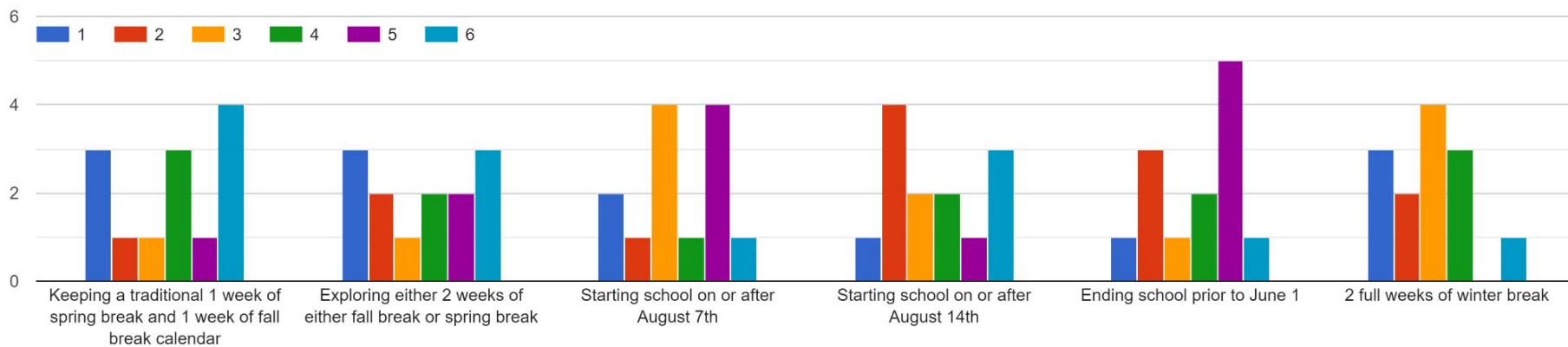
# Staff Rank In Order

Rank in order of importance from 1-6 the following priorities, where 1 is 'very important'; and 6 is 'least important'.



# Parent/Community Rank in Order

Rank in order of importance from 1-6 the following priorities, where 1 is 'very important'; and 6 is 'least important'.



## Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

Would be great to be on the same schedule as Logan Co District

I think having a full 2 weeks for fall and one for spring would be nice. Or even a week and half for each. If they were able to do a week and a half teachers could use the remainder of the week we returned to reestablish procedures.

I would like 2 weeks of fall break and 1 of spring, and 2 full weeks winter break. Starting school August 7 would be fine if the above is meet.

I would love to be semi the same with logan county school schedules.

Having 2 weeks for Spring Break and 2 weeks for Fall Break has been discussed for YEARS at RISD. It's time to make it happen! Change is good.

I'm not opposed to adding more time to fall or spring break as long as we don't start school any earlier or end school any later.

Again, just trying to align our calendars with the other two CTC schools for our high school students that choose a career pathway there. I do go to the CTC quite often and can see both RHS and CTC side of things as a big picture in the need for more alignment.

Being able to end school at 2:50

The 4-day week school calendar has been effective in recruiting teachers to rural areas where compensation is not the highest in the region. There is also no statistically significant difference in student achievement for students in a 4-day or traditional 5-day a week school calendar since the total yearly instructional hours are virtually the same. Since most holidays fall on Monday or can be designated to a Monday, many of these schools either go Tuesday - Friday and totally close on Mondays or have only teachers attend on various Mondays throughout the year for collaborative planning, PD, etc. This quality-of-life benefit to employees would be worth a consideration in future years if recruitment continues to be a struggle. It does require strong collaboration with community partners to provide activities, supervision, and support for students on the one day a week when school is not in session. However, if the day off is consistent (always Monday, always Friday, etc.), most communities find solutions that benefit everyone.



## Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

I rated 1 being the most important, then so on. I would prefer 2 weeks off at spring break instead of at fall break...I would prefer to start school at the beginning of August and get out in the middle of May. It would be nice for Russellville, Todd, and Logan to be on the same calendar.

I was in a school where we had Good Friday off and Monday after Easter (This could have been used as a snow make up if needed)

Elementary school schedule Grandparents Day luncheon the week before the holiday.

I'm used to getting out for Christmas break on a Friday. It's unusual that we're going to school on the Monday & Tuesday before Christmas.

Monday off before election day in fall due to disconnect of instructional standards.

We should match Logan calendar they start same day and still get 2 weeks fall and spring break and only get out 4 days after us

You will never make everyone happy:) Need to consider the fact that parents might have a hard time getting a sitter for 2 weeks vs. one if you went to 2 weeks Fall Break or Spring Break. Unless the parent works in the school system they probably don't have that kind of time to be taking off.

I would love to see Russellville go to 2 week breaks! I feel that if we do that we may need to consider food service options for our students.

It would be nice to be on the same schedule as Logan County since we have many students who attend LCCTC.

Students focus decreases greatly after testing at the end of the year. Potentially develop a calendar that would keep instruction from going too far past that day. At the same time I have noticed some people like to go to school later when the weather is still hot and get out of school later when it is not as cold outside. Both of these things be something to take into consideration.

## Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

With the idea of a 2 week Fall and Spring break calendar I think it could be beneficial that with the second week letting the students who are behind in a class and want to get caught up in that class the option of coming in and working with a teacher to do such.

it would be nice to get out at 1 on the last day of school.

Use the day before Election Day as a PD so students aren't going Monday then off Tuesday and back for the rest of the week!!

I think we should do breaks the same time as the schools around us

I believe that allowing an additional week of fall break will better allow both students and parents a chance for decompression before entering into the next 9 weeks and the busiest season of the year.

Adjusting our time table for days of instruction could help balance the stress load by allowing more time for a mental health reset in-between grading periods.

The reason I believe this is because removing the mental work load of school can allow for more time can be spent catching up and getting ahead while also being able to slow down a beat and reset for both students and parents. "

It would be great to get out at 1 the last day of school