# Survey Data & Survey Responses

#### 2024-2025 Calendar Options

First Day of School	Fall Break	Spring Break
<u>(for students)</u> Logan County Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Logan County: <i>Traditional</i> : September 30-October 11, 2024 Variable: October 7-11, 2024	Logan County: <i>Traditional</i> : March 31- April 11, 2025 <i>Variabl</i> e: April 7-11, 2025
Todd County		
Friday, August 9, 2024	Todd County: October 7-11, 2024	Todd County: March 31- April 4, 2025
Warren County Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Warren County: October 7-11, 2025	Warren County April 7-11, 2025
Russellville Independent	Russellville Independent	Russellville Independent
Draft 4 & Draft 5: Tuesday, August 13, 2023	Draft 4: September 30-October 11, 2024	Draft 4 & Draft 5: April 7-11, 2025
	Draft 5: October 7-11, 2024	

## **56 Staff Responses**

RHS - 14 Work Location/Assignment 56 responses

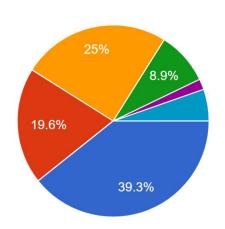
RMS - 11

SES - 22

Transportation - 3

Food Service - 1

Central Office -5





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?

- 52 total responses
- 19 responses asked to match Logan County 2 week break or match Logan County Schools/Warren County Schools Break
  - Benefit to LCCTC students so they do not lose a week of instruction
  - Benefit to Staff who have children/spouses in Logan/Warren County School
  - Match with Logan County Schools to accommodate breaks and vacation plans
- 11 responses to keep one week, or the one week is fine
- Additional comments
  - One week later to better accommodate high school soccer tournaments
  - Align fall break to fall at the natural breaking point for the end of the nine weeks
  - Stay on the same schedule as schools around us

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?

- 50 total responses
- 13 responses requests to match Logan County 2 week break or match Logan County Schools/Warren County Schools Break
- 28 responses requesting 1 week of Spring Break
- Additional responses:
  - Follow Logan County/Warren County School Districts (be consistent with other schools)
  - Only one week of Spring Break to make sure students are back in right mindset for testing and end of year push
  - Have break align with Easter Holiday (Easter is April 20, 2025)
  - Align spring break to fall at the natural breaking point for the end of the nine weeks

# 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?

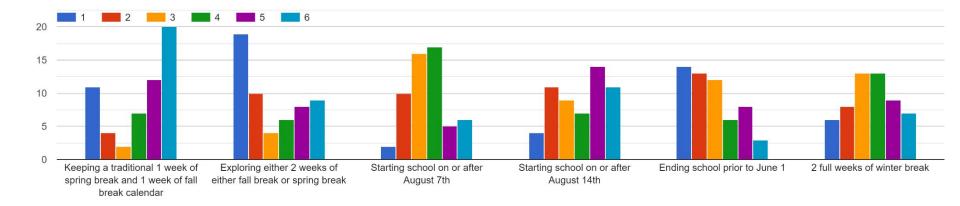
- 40 Responses
- 23 Responses were to match Logan County's Calendar (2 weeks fall, 2 weeks spring)
- Additional Responses
  - Limited fall break, and Thanksgiving week off
  - Extra curriculum days built in for teachers
  - Match Warren County's calendar to help with recruitment from WKU
  - Shortened days before a break to help families that are traveling
  - Start the school year later
  - Having PD after breaks helps the teachers prepare before having students back to class

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

- Special consideration included sporting events, district tournaments scheduled during breaks
- Align with surrounding districts for CTC schedules
- 4-H Camp is first week of June, ensuring we are out before June 1

### **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'.



### **Additional Comments**

- 12 comments align with Logan County 2 week fall or spring break and still get out at the same time
  - Possibly consider food service options during this break
- 1 suggestion for a 4 day school week
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- it would be nice to get out at 1 on the last day of school.

#### **13 Parent responses**

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?

- On this question 8 responses were provided:
  - 3 responses were fine with the 1 week, October 7-11
  - 3 responses were to stay with Logan or other schools around us
  - 2 responses were whatever schedule works with marching band schedule

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- On this question 8 responses were provided:
  - 5 responses were the first full week of April would be fine
  - 2 same as Logan County Schools or surrounding schools
  - 1 fine as long as we are out before Memorial Day

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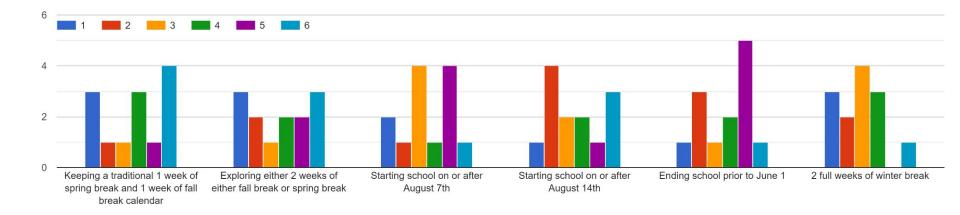
- On this question 6 responses were provided:
  - 2 responses said start school later
  - 2 said plan with schools around us/follow Logan County's schedule
  - 1 stated 2 full weeks at Christmas
  - 1 stated follow the model of Franklin Simpson's Parent Teacher Conferences

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

- 13 parents responded in total
- On this question 6 responses were provided:
  - 2 responses said consider the marching band schedule
  - 2 states do not schedule football games/soccer games during break
  - 1 said have same break as surrounding schools
  - 1 said 4-H camp is the first week of June

## **Parent/Community Rank in Order**

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### **Additional Comments**

- 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