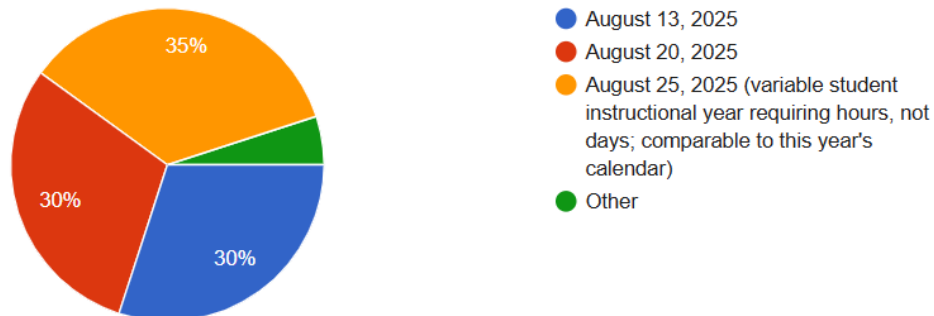


# 25-26 School Calendar Survey

1. Please select your preferred start date (the later the start date, the later the closing date)...

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2. If you selected "other" above, please list your preferred start date:

5 responses

None

A Wednesday rather than a Monday. Kindergarteners really struggled coming 5 days in a row for thier 1st experience

Either the 20th or the 25th

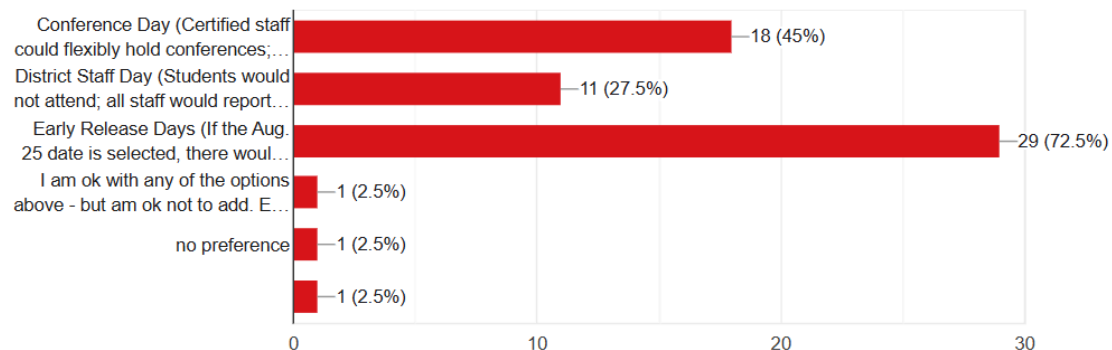
I selected the 20th, but wouldn't mind staring on August 18th.

NA

3. Are there days we should consider adding to the calendar, if possible? Please check all that apply.

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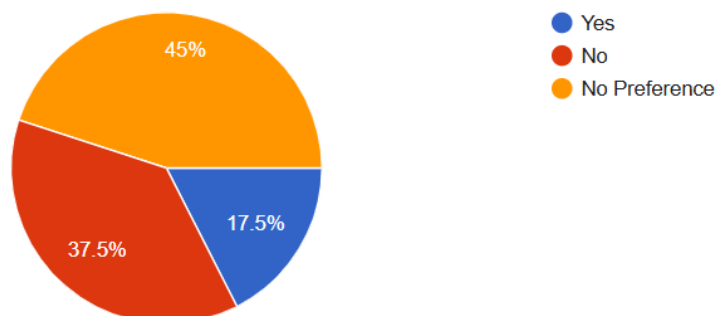
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4. Would you prefer the school calendars to include a PD day in the spring?  
(Note that staff work the same number of days contracted. Adding a PD day in the spring would reduce a student day.)

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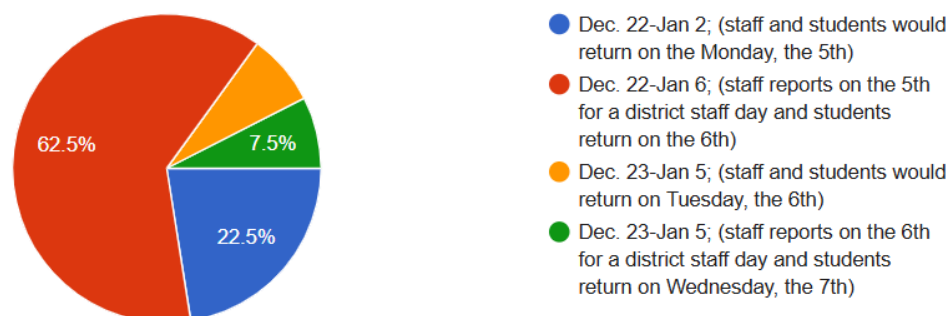
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5. Please select your preference for December/Winter break:

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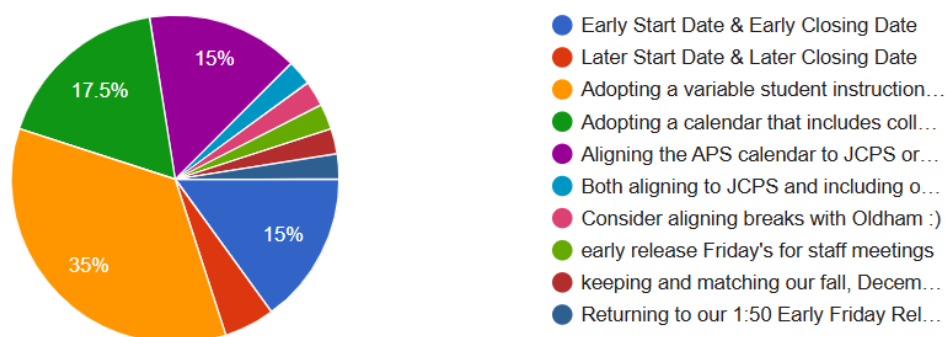
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6. Which is most important to you?

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7. Please provide any additional feedback you'd like to share with our calendar committee and board of education members.

16 responses

As a teacher who cannot bring kiddos here, I LOVED being able to take my kids to school on the first days of school with the LATER start date this year. I actually cried - not realizing how much that meant to me to be the one to drop them off -- and I have never been able to do that as we are not able to bring kiddos here. I would love the calendar to look like this year with a later start date at least a week after surrounding districts to allow for time to interact with my own students in their first days back. I am a fan of the variable instructional hours!! Later start date and commensurate end date. Thank you so much for considering this! I LOVED it!

Enjoy working at this amazing school!

I never thought I would like our current calendar but I feel so focused and driven. I am enjoying our intentional instruction knowing time is precious. I do miss our staff meetings to gather and collaborate with each other. How can our school adopt a variable student instructional year and build in staff meeting times for collegial discourse and "unified collobration"?

I would like for us to consider moving our fall break to match Oldham County, even if we do this every other year. I know it doesn't match with Jefferson County, but I feel that break is just too early. I prefer our early release day on Fridays. This year has been hard not having the Fridays for staff meetings and important PD's will be a challenge.

While I've shared my own preferences, the students and families of the district come first. To that end, I believe we should pay close attention to what JCPS and the Catholic system have planned. When schedules can be aligned, it makes holidays and breaks easier to coordinate.

I felt like we were able to accomplish tasks on the early release Fridays. Would like to have those back.

Establishing major breaks for 2025-26 school year would be appreciated!

I appreciate the calendar committee working on a challenging task! I do feel that ERDs were nice, but if we have "district" days this would help with planning, PLC work, etc. too.

Since Anchorage families only either attend JCPS or private schools for high school, it makes sense that if we are looking to align dates (esp. christmas break/spring break) with another district that we only consider JCPS and not Oldham or Shelby. Those districts may represent some staff members, but none of the Anchorage residents would be using those calendars for their children who are in high school. Typically the Louisville Catholic and private schools may have a different start and end date than JCPS, but they almost always align their Christmas/winter and spring breaks with JCPS.

I like the option of the variable days but also worry about time for other activities we prioritize. Things such as the house system are already taking a hit from less time in homeroom in middle school. Instructional minutes are also so tight this year I may not get through all of my standards and I worry that could continue in future years. Everything seems so rushed, is that just from a chaotic year or would that still remain if this schedule was our norm. I am also interested in fall break options. It was so quick this year I needed a break from the break about two weeks later because all the work we had done setting expectations went out the window with a long break barely a month into a school. On paper the later option sounds great but there is still a lot of gray area for me. Honestly none of the options seem great to me just mediocre. I have too many questions and unknowns to really firmly stand behind one option. I also worry about meetings becoming required after school and the long days that those bring especially for those with children. In the end I'm sure we will all adjust because our staff is amazing and super flexible.

One early release day a month to accomplish the monthly faculty meeting.

We need our early release Fridays for staff meetings.

Please take into SERIOUS consideration going back to our traditional 1:50 p.m. Friday release. The valuable time that this provides for faculty meetings of time for both certified and classified staff to collaborate is invaluable. Our classified staff works closely with students throughout the day to provide reading and math interventions. In the past, Fridays have provided time to look at data and provide professional development opportunities in Gifted/Talented, Technology, Intervention, Engagement, etc. If those faculty meetings are forced to an after school weekly meeting time that will affect teacher attendance and participation with after school clubs, homework help, after school cares, etc. and classified staff will not be able to attend without being paid. Also, the 1:50 p.m. release on Friday provides time for Acting Anchors, Community Connections, Chess Club, and other clubs to meet in the early afternoon before the rush of the weekend.

I would love for our fall break to align with OC's fall break.

Just know that we've had early release before and will need it again with an administrator that will require meetings. Also, need to consider hours worked per day if getting rid of early release Fridays.