

2025-2026 Calendar Survey

Parent Survey Results

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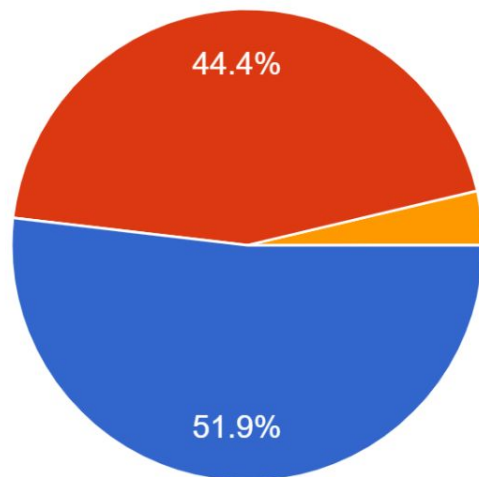
- Agree
- Yes but still would like 2 weeks
- Would be better to be the week before
- Ok
- The only concerns I have over fall break is to allow the band kids to have a break and still be able to participate in the Tobacco Festival as well.
- Wished fall break didn't fall during soccer districts and regionals
- The first full week of October.
- Keep it like it is
- Keep as is
- Just line it up with the 9 weeks the best you can. A weird break at the end of the first 9 nine weeks makes that transition into the 2nd 9 weeks weird.
- Breaks should coincide with the end of the nine weeks
- That week is fine
- 2 weeks

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- It is ok.
- Keep it 2 weeks off
- That is ok
- N/a
- Good
- Students and teachers need fall break
- Band
- 1 week of fall break is enough
- I like when it's close to the heritage festival so the first week of October is good and one week is plenty since there are so many other breaks during the 1st semester of school.
- One week
- I would like to have a full week regardless
- It works fine
- Good
- The date is fine

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- One full week off for Fall Break and a full week off for Thanksgiving break
- Two full weeks off for Fall Break in October
- No preference

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- That week is fine
- Good
- Agree
- It's fine would like 2 weeks
- Those dates are good
- 2 weeks of spring break
- The first week has always worked well. I think changing it to the 2nd week would also be okay but moving it back into March would not be favorable.
- It's never been a problem
- First full week of April
- Keep it the same
- Keep as is
- Can we not do 2 weeks like Logan Co?

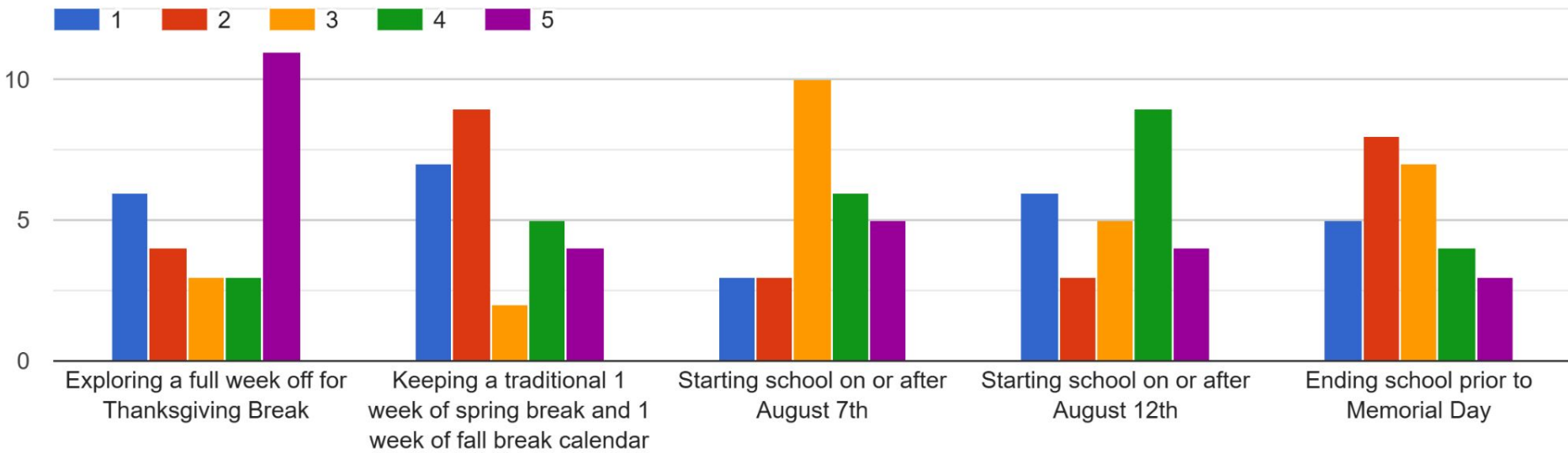
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- Breaks should coincide with the end of the nine weeks
- Great
- It is ok.
- Keep as is
- Ok
- N/A
- Also needed
- Unknown
- Agree
- The first week of April is great but a second week would be amazing since there are no real breaks from Jan until May/June
- One week
- Sounds good to me
- Dates is fine

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- Two weeks of fall break is terrible for marching band. Right in the middle of competitions and you have to miss almost two weeks of practice
- Marching band season...please consult with Mr. Cardwell.
- Soccer during fall break
- HS soccer is literally the only sport that has their district/regional tournaments DURING a break.
- Almost all after-school special events are on Mondays and I think other days should be considered as their usually is a lack of proper planning and organization for it as well as hard to commit to attending on the busiest day of the week for most families.
- Playing schools in our league (1A/2A) during football season
- Two weeks fall break is too long
- Band
- Can they do a four day week.
- Band competitions are from Sept to Oct so 2 weeks in the fall make it hard for those families to get away when the kids need to compete so they can get to state.

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Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

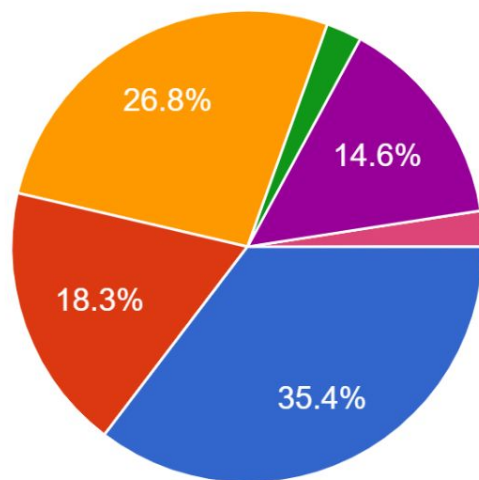
- I'm fine with going till the end for may if we can wait till September 3 to start
- 2 full weeks of spring and fall break for staff and students.
- Why can we not align our calendars with the only other school system?
- Early release on every friday
- Ask again in 3 months, maybe? Thank you.
- I like the idea of a week fall break and a week off for thanksgiving
- MENTAL HEALTH DAYS SHOULD BE ADDED
- A four day school week
- Please consider 1 week fall break and 2 in the spring if 2 weeks is possible for the spring

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Staff Survey Results

Work Location/Assignment

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- RE Stevenson Elementary
- Russellville Middle School
- Russellville High School
- Russellville Innovation Academy
- Central Office
- Food Service
- Transportation
- Maintenance

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- I'd be fine with it
- It was nice to have 2 weeks off but I feel it put many constraints on the overall calendar for the year.
- One Week fall break October 6-10
- 1 week is the perfect amount of time off
- I think the first full week of October for fall break is good.
- I think this is a perfect time.
- Continue with traditional first full week, unless do two weeks, then last days in September and first in October with first full week in October
- I like having Fall Break during the first week.
- One full week is good.
- I think 1 week is sufficient
- dates are fine
- I don't think a week shift will make much of a difference.
- One full week of Fall Break seems sufficient to me
- It seems better to have one week
- This week is good, and not having 2 weeks of fall break is also good!
- In addition to the possibility of a full week for Fall Break and a full week for Thanksgiving Break, I like the thought of having two full weeks off for Spring Break since there are more breaks built in to the fall semester than the spring semester.
- I don't know that we need to have a break in the fall. I would prefer that we have more long weekends.
- I think Fall Break works where it is.
- I enjoyed the 2 week fall break and would prefer to have that again.
- I think two weeks for fall break is good for both students and staff. It gives us plenty of time for vacation and then plenty of time to get back and get things ready for school. Afterwards, were all feeling refreshed.
- I would prefer to push fall break back to the end of the first 9 weeks.
- 6-10

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- Those are okay dates
- That will work
- I think this would be an ideal time for Fall Break.
- This is fine.
- The two week break was great. We need to keep two weeks in the schedule.
- I'm fine with that timeframe
- I like having a full week off in Oct.
- The fall break dates are great.
- Keep it the first full week, October 6-10
- I like the first full week of October and keeping the two weeks.
- I feel like the 2 week fall break this year was beneficial. Students were excited for the extended break. I feel this is a huge recruiting aspect and gives an additional benefit to teachers to stay or come to our district versus Logan.
- Fall break is needed and two weeks was enjoyed by many.
- Either is fine as long as we don't have PD days if it is 5 days
- September 29-October 10
- Sounds fine. I did like the 2 weeks off for fall break.
- Fine
- I would appreciate having 2 weeks off, like this year.
- I think matching Logan County's break schedule is important for CTC students, JROTC, and student-athletes.
- Fall break needs to be two full weeks that align with the county system. Similar to the 24-25 school year but removing the PD day at the end of the second week to the Monday before elections day. This would be the best for the students because as you know CTC does not teach our students without the county being in school.
- I do believe that a week of Fall Break is enough. I know this year I had to schedule some of my ARC Meetings early because of when the IEPs were due. I also think just having one week off students can retain information before break, better than being off for 2 solid weeks.

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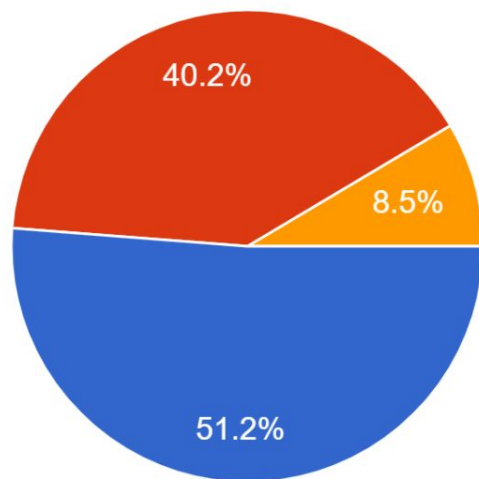
- First week of October is fine.
- That date is fine
- One full week off for fall break
- Sounds good to me.
- Those dates are fine with me.
- Oct. 6-10 is good for me.
- I thought we were having 2 weeks? I liked how our break was the same as Logan County. Or if it is one, the first full week in October or as it aligns with the Tobacco Festivals in town.
- Good dates
- Prefer the first full week.
- I prefer 1 week fall break
- I am fine with this scheduled time. It is what we are used to doing.
- I think these dates would be fine . .
- I am happy with whatever is best
- The 2 week fall break is more beneficial
- I prefer to keep the two week fall break.
- October 6 - 10 Fall Break sounds good to me, but no curriculum day during.
- Go back to one week, two weeks at fall break when students are just starting to grasp expectations and instruction is too much time out too soon. Maybe giving a full 2 weeks at Christmas.
- I am fine with break being the 6-10th.
- I personally loved the two week fall break and would like to see it again on the following calendar year, however, I do feel that a week for thanksgiving would be excellent because the two days before thanksgiving break are usually very difficult to in cooperate content.

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- I am in favor of the 1 week Fall Break with a full week provided at Thanksgiving as well.
- Those dates are fine, but the two week fall break was very nice and much needed.
- I liked the 2 week fall break
- This would be fine if your not going to follow Logan's schedule
- I think October the first week is fine to go on break or after first nine weeks. Either is fine!
- First full week
- Start on the 6th and have two weeks, no PD on that Friday make that another day.
- I feel that we should stay with similar dates of the county schools.
- That's fine.
- 6-10th is fine No pd
- I like the 1st week of Oct
- Oct 1-10. Two weeks is too long however having longer than a week was very helpful for staff to regroup. 10 days would be a good length.
- A two-week fall break is beneficial for students as it provides essential time for rest and mental recovery, reducing stress and preventing burnout during a demanding academic term. This extended break allows students to catch up on sleep, recharge, and engage in self-care, which improves focus, productivity, and overall mental health when they return. Additionally, it offers students the chance to spend quality time with family or even get ahead on assignments, ultimately supporting both academic performance and personal well-being.
- These dates are fine.
- August to December has a lot of breaks so although the 2 weeks was nice I think 1 week is fine and use the other dates later on such as February and March as we have very few days off during this time. Even using 1 day the day before election day. It is hard to come 1 day be off and come back.
- I think the students and adults, alike, enjoyed the longer break this year.
- That is reasonable
- Definitely keep it the first week. The community expects it to be then.
- I liked the 2 weeks off in a row because you got to actually enjoy the time off and get prepared for the coming back to school.

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- It seems like a longer stretch than normal
- I think one full week of spring break is definitely needed in the calendar.
- Normal Spring Break
- No preference
- I think the first full week of April for spring break is good.
- I think this is a good time. Students are ready for a break.
- Continue with traditional first full week of April
- I think that because there are less breaks during the Spring semester, we should look into two weeks of spring break and one week of fall break.
- First full week of April is good
- I think this is fine
- Spring break dates are good, we need short breaks throughout the year to keep student and staff burnout down.
- I don't think a shift of only a week will matter that much.
- One full week of Spring Break seems sufficient to me
- No preference
- This is good!
- See comment above for thoughts on Spring Break.
- Both Students and Teachers need this break in the spring.
- Necessary, because students go three solid months without a break and need a refresh before testing takes place.
- April 6-10 is acceptable.
- N/A
- Again, I think breaks should be at the end of the quarter.

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- That is an okay date
- That will work
- I think this is an ideal time for Spring break
- This is fine.
- That seems fine to me.
- I'm fine with that timeframe
- like it
- Most school districts have spring break the first week of April if that fell the end of March then they would start it then as well.
- Spring Break should be earlier. It's way too long to go from January to April without some rest time factored in, for both students and faculty.
- I like the first full week of spring break at the beginning of April.
- I feel like Spring Break would be fine scheduled as this. It optimizes time before testing. After Spring Break students struggle coming back to finish their learning for the school week.
- Spring break is needed and it needs to be a full week.
- That is fine I think a little later is GREAT
- March 30-April 3
- sounds fine
- Fine
- I would like for Spring break to be the week before April 6-10.
- I think matching Logan County's break schedule is important for CTC students, JROTC, and student-athletes.
- Spring Break should be scheduled for two weeks with the second week utilized for make up snow days if needed. Our students do not get instruction at CTC during the time the county is not there. We have students that choose not to come because of this or simply because the county is out. We should mirror their schedule so our students get the quality instruction they deserve.

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- Same as Fall Break. I know April for me personally gets busy with not only my own meetings, but transition meetings as well as testing. So any days that I can be in school during April, the better.
- I think the community expects it to be the first full week of April.
- n/a
- No pref
- In the Spring it would be nice to have 2 weeks off just because in the Spring is the longest stretch of time that we go without a break. If it would be possible I think it would benefit the kids to have a break while also benefiting the adults and staff.
- 6-10
- I like the first week of April but I wouldn't mind two weeks of spring break.
- That date is fine
- Keep spring break as it is April 6-10
- Sounds good to me.
- Those dates are fine with me.
- April 6-10 is good for me.
- Yes that works best I believe.
- Good dates
- Prefer first full week
- In favor of 1 week spring break
- Same answer as fall break. This is a standard time for spring break
- I think these dates would be fine .
- I am happy with whatever works best
- I would like to keep this option

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- Keep this option.
- Spring Break 6 - 10 always sounds good, but no Curriculum Day during.
- Keep as is
- I'm fine with the 6-10th.
- This would be fine.
- I am in favor of 1 week Spring Break
- Those dates are fine. By the time we get to April, students and staff are hanging by a thread so any break would be nice during that spring semester.
- 2 week spring break, that semester tends to be very long with very few breaks built in
- This would be fine
- First week of April will be better.
- First full week
- April 6-10
- These dates seem fine.
- Whatever works.
- yes that works for me
- Keep it how it is.
- 10 days would be a good length for spring break as well. April 1-10
- I am indifferent as to whether it is the first week or the second week.
- Instead of doing two weeks off at fall break or a full week at Thanksgiving, can you put that extra week in February or March? The stretch from Christmas break to Spring Break is draining for teachers and students.
- This would be my vote for the 2 weeks. Everyone is tired and stressed due to lack of days off. This is most definitely needed either at these date or even at the end of March.
- I believe we should keep spring break as it is, within the same week as Easter Sunday.
- This is reasonable

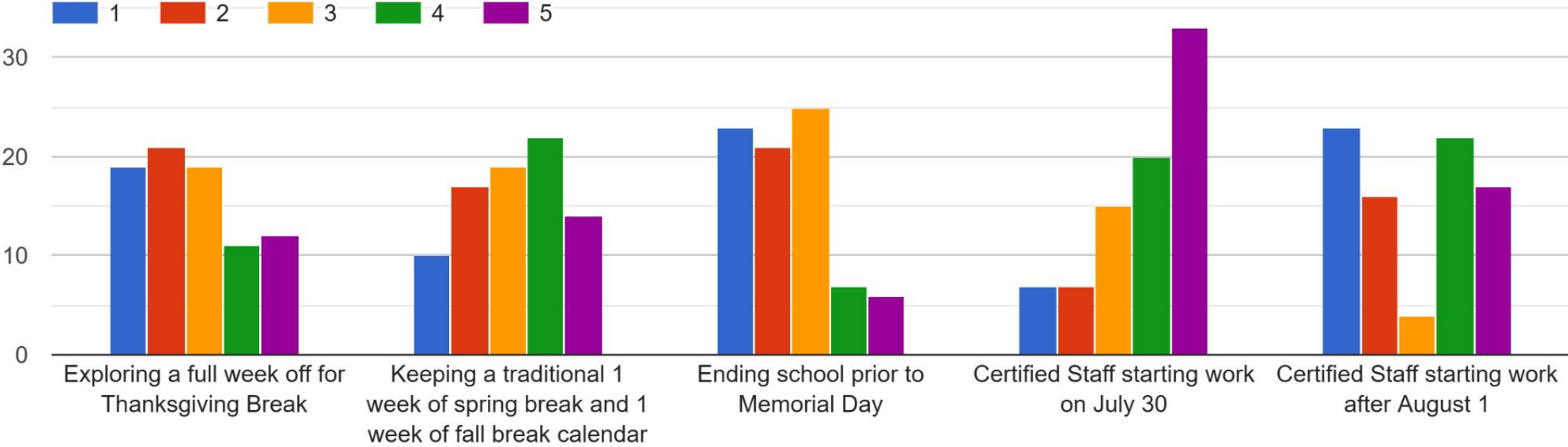
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- Keeping fall break at scheduled dates coincides with Football off week.
- Unaware of any need, but if there, work it in
- Football game after the Tobacco Fest against Logan County
- Unsure
- I'm not sure if this applies here, but I do think it would be nice if our youth sports would share schedules with teachers for us to better support our students by knowing ahead of time when games and practices are to be better prepared to show up for our students.
- I have nothing to add
- No games should be played when breaks are scheduled to protect the time for all parties.
- I am not very familiar with the needs of extracurricular activities/schedules
- I would like to see us not have a PD at the end of Fall Break...I think we should of been off or had a PD the day before election day.
- Just an idea for Curriculum Days.
 - Switch one of the curriculum days to the day before election day. The students are just completely off behavior wise by going to school one day, then off the next, and then coming back. The structure is off.
 - Switch another curriculum day to March. That long before a break I think both teachers and students will benefit from that.
- Jan-April is a long time with no days off we really need snow days in there for snow or a day off if we have not missed.
- Aligning our calendar and start/end times for the school day more closely with the county schools would be better for staff with students/spouses at those schools. It would also be beneficial for students taking CTC/JROTC classes, as these students miss out on instruction or sometimes just sit and do nothing the days the county is not in session. Additionally, students showing up in the middle of classes that have already started causes teachers to have to stop class to catch them up, disrupting the instruction and classroom environment.
- swim team practices with Logan County. JROTC is with Logan County. CTC is with Logan County. Schedules should match LCS to make things easier for students, staff, and community.

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- I think about CTC and how we can better align with them.
- Election Day. I think the day before Election Day could be utilized as a staff PD and it would make structure easier for the students.
- Normally the High School District / Region Tournament is during Fall Break, but it could change.
- During fall break we have numerous sports still playing. It makes it difficult to find gate and concession workers during this time. It's more difficult when theirs 2 weeks of fall break. Football bye week is usually the one week of fall break we typically get.
- These events should not impact the academic calendar.
- Not that I am aware of. I know some of my students play football, I was able to catch a weekend game on Fall Break. Living out of the county and having a small child can sometimes make that difficult, so I was glad to be able to watch a game.
- not that I am aware
- I would like to see no scheduled extracurricular activities, sports, or school-related events scheduled on days when students are not present. This is a great opportunity for our maintenance staff and building attendants to get caught up or have additional time to complete needed tasks.
- It would be convenient to coincide with the school calendar of all Logan Co schools
- No games or practices during spring and fall break
- Basketball practice starting October 15 don't want to be on break during this time.
- I wasn't a fan of having the curriculum days at the end of the week on our breaks.

Rank in order of importance from 1-5 the following priorities, where 1 is 'very important; and 5 is 'least important'.



Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

- Thanks to the committee for all of their hard work!
- No PD scheduled on Fridays on week long breaks
- A longer break in the summer gives the support staff more time to have the Schools ready.
- Thank you for all that you do to ensure our students and staff have the best opportunities for breaks and good mental health!
- Teachers should get the full break. Plan curriculum days after the breaks. We have kids and things that need to get done too!
- Also full day for Parent teacher conferences!
- None other than I hope decisions are made in the best interest of our students and not adult centered.
- Keep the two weeks fall break and maybe switch up the curriculum days to fall on the day before election day and one day in march.
- For teacher recruiting:
 - - Starting work before August will be very unpopular and will not help us to recruit or keep staff.
 - - Teachers loved the two week fall break this year. For teachers with students in the county it makes it very hard for them to not have the two weeks. The first of the year is tough and they have worked hard and appreciate the moment to decompress.
 - - Many teachers travel from outside of RVK, to match other districts is a huge benefit.
 - Thanksgiving break one week break is very close to Christmas break. I don't feel the break for students and teachers is needed there as much as it is at fall break.
 - When we have winter break and fall break I strongly feel all staff need the entire break. Having to come in for a curriculum day the last day of the break is very tough on everyone. Getting to enjoy the full break could be an extended benefit for being in RISD.
 - I think there should be an option for an occasional 4 day weekend For example the Monday before Election day gives great opportunity for this.
 - Lastly, I feel that the calendar can play a HUGE role in recruiting and keeping quality teachers. There are small things that can happen in the calendar to make a huge impact in our ability to have quality teachers and instruction for the students.
- I would appreciate the calendar committee considering a 4 day weekend in February and a 4 day weekend in March. During this time of year, a reset and mental break would be much needed.
- Please don't have teachers return to work on the Friday at the end of the two week breaks.

Any additional considerations for the calendar committee?

- I would rather start a week earlier than we did this year and have some room in the calendar for a few random days off so if we have snow days we don't have to make them up at the end of the school year. Everybody is ready at the end for school to be out by May. Staff and students both.
- There is no reason to change the calendar from the 24-25 other than switching the PD day during our fall break to the Monday before elections so that our students will receive the instruction needed at our school and others we collaborate with.
- I think that keeping the calendar close to the same as the district would help alleviate struggles for blended families that might have children in both schools.
- Consider having the Monday off before Election day.
- Instead of 2 weeks Fall Break-We should do-1 week Fall Break, normal Christmas Break, 1 week Feb.16-20, because Jan. Feb. & March are forever long without a break. 1 week Spring Break
- Since Election day is on a Tuesday, having the Monday off before as the curriculum day or extra day off. (instead of the curriculum day and end of fall break maybe?)
- A 3 day weekend in February and March
- If possible , considering 1 week of fall and spring break and adding the extra time off during the long stretch between January and April .
- I think we should align the calendar to follow Logan County both spring break and fall break
- 2 week spring instead of 2 week fall break.
- I would say keep it the same as this year has been 2024-2025, with moving the PD from fall break, it really didn't make any sense to schedule it that Friday of Fall break, when we could have done it like every other school in the region the Monday before election day.
- I personally would rather have two weeks of spring break instead of fall break. There are several breaks during the fall months and few after the holidays.
- If I get two weeks off I would prefer more time at Christmas.
- We should consider following Logan County's calendar since so many students are affected by the differing schedules.
- My recommendation would be taking that extra week of time and either putting it at the end of Feb/beginning of March or taking it off the end of the school year and letting us get out for summer earlier. Also, I want to say THANK YOU for asking for staff opinions.
- There are so many breaks from August to December that it makes January to May so hard due to lack of days off. If we do have one a lot of times it is lost due to weather. This is the time where having a day off here and there is needed for students and teachers.