

25-26 Survey Results for BCPS School Calendar

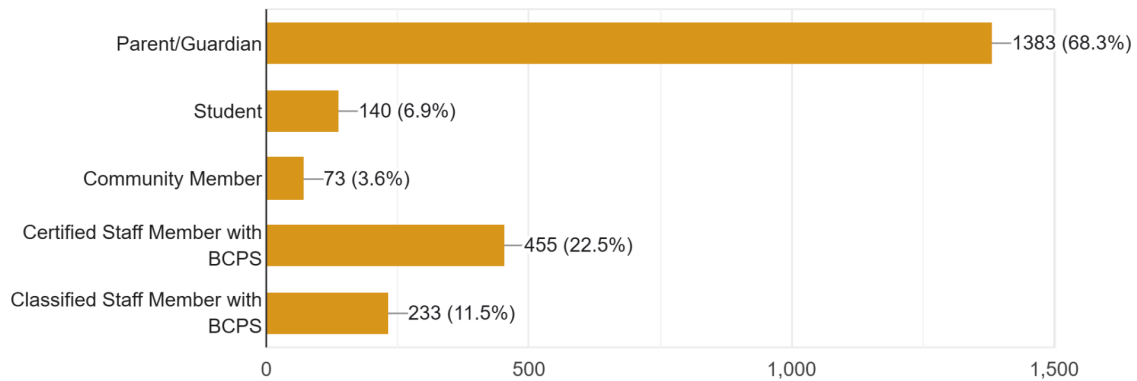
The survey was shared with 22,305 emails of our students, guardians and staff.

The survey window was open between November 19th and November 22.

2,031 surveys were completed during that time period, which resulted in a 9% response rate.

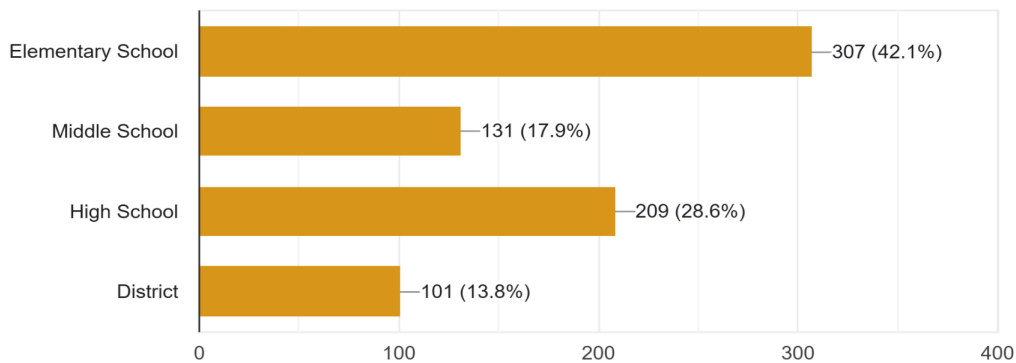
My role:

2,024 responses



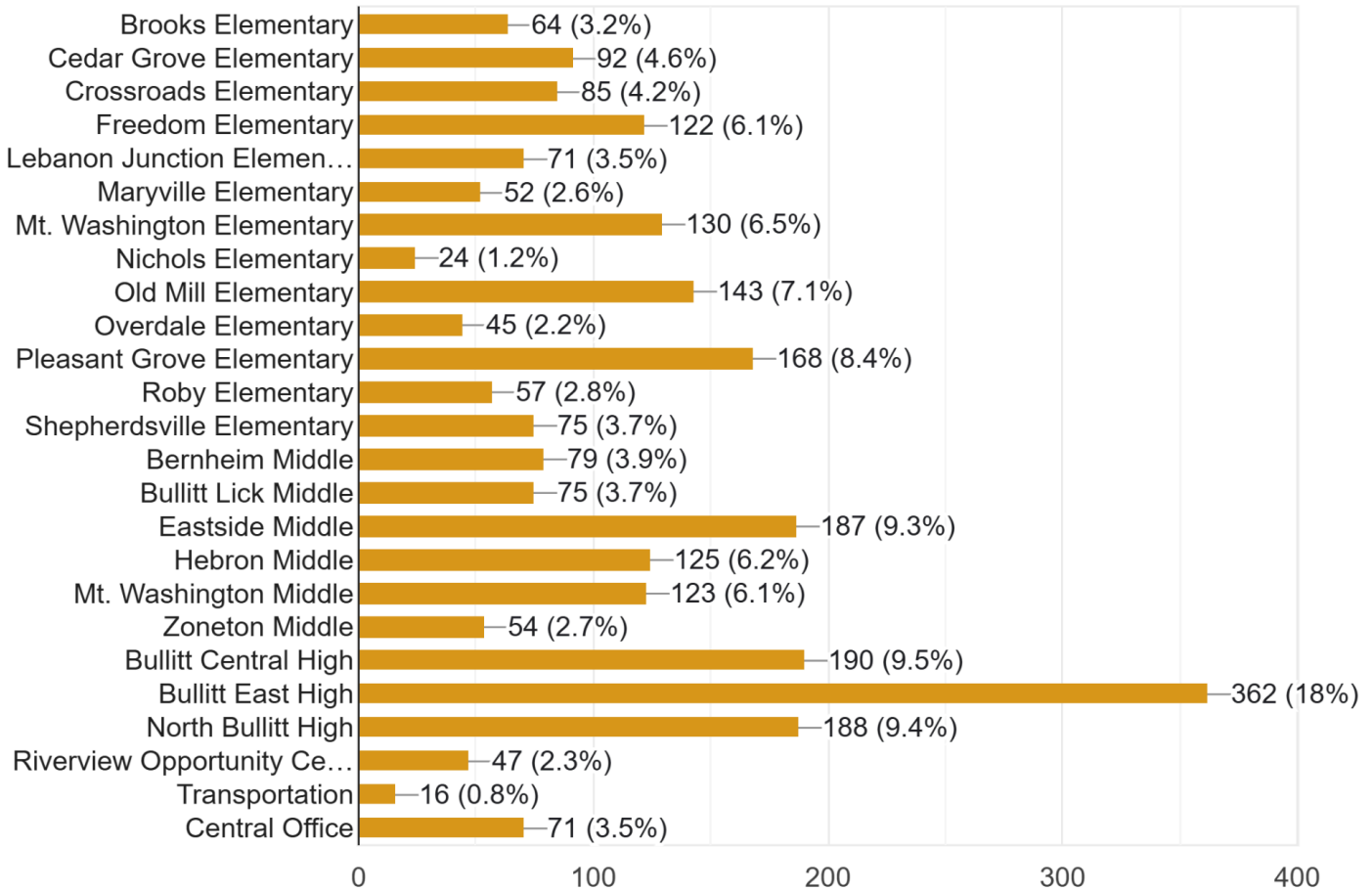
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730 responses



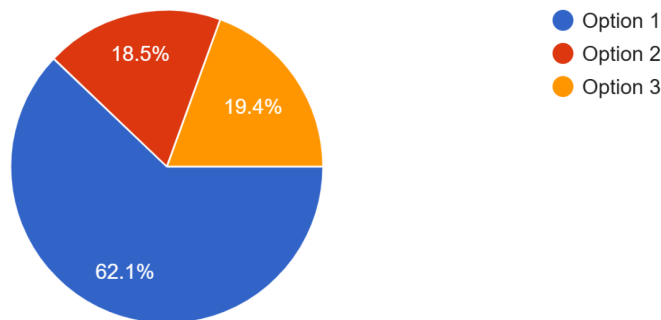
Please select the school or department you are affiliated with.

2,009 responses



Please select your calendar choice for the 2025-2026 school year.

2,016 responses





Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions regarding the Bullitt County Public School Calendar.

N/A

NA

None

Ok

n/a

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Your welcome

nothing

N/A**

Thank you for all you do!

Thank you for giving options!!

A full week at Thanksgiving would allow us to actually go visit family which would be really nice. As it is, I'd rather have that than a week at fall break.

Option 1

With our start dates typically so early in August, I am voting to end school as early in May as possible, hence option 1. Much later, and the odds are we will have makeup days that take us into June and effect summer plans/break.

I'm a JCPS teacher and neither fall nor spring break align with jcps breaks. I don't understand why there's not a more concerted effort to combine calendars with local school districts.

No comments

I think it would be silly to have kids come back for 2 or 3 days after Memorial Day

Thank you

Option 1 allows students' last day to be before the Memorial day holiday

Megan

I wish the Bullitt calendar would mirror the JCPS calendar. The option to have both Bullitt and JCPS be on the same Fall break would be appreciated, especially as a JCPS employee who's kids attend BC schools.

I would like the calendar to align with JCPS.

Please consider closing school for Good Friday (April 3rd) instead of Oaks Day (May 1st).

I would prefer if Fall Break and Christmas Break coincided with the end of the grading periods.



Need start school earlier an ends in May

Option 2 looks good for students to ease into school the first week.

We have a lot of students that are absent or check out early the Friday before Fall & Spring break. Just wondering if it would be feasible to have the Bullitt day on the Friday before those breaks instead of the Monday after.

For JCPS working parents, has there ever been consideration to have fall break and spring break the same weeks??

All three of these options have different weeks for fall and spring break.

Thanks for considering

year round

Yes

You're welcome!

I like the later spring and fall breaks. If we could somehow incorporate those with the earlier closing day of May 22, that would be ideal.

The school year NEEDS to start later. This is entirely too early to start in the summer, students can not go outside for recess because of the heat, the busses are unbearable, schools can not control their own AC and teach in sweltering conditions for the entire month. Testing always falls during Derby season which is a huge piece of KY and teachers/students/families can never attend.

Can there be any consideration to moving "Fall break" to the week of Thanksgiving and extending their time off to the entire week?

Later fall break time on options 2 and 3 pushes all the holiday breaks too close together.

No clue what this is to be honest.

Kayce Deutsch

In years past Bullitt and Jefferson Counties have had the same fall and spring breaks, but the last couple of years that has not been the case. Some of us have family members in both counties and would appreciate if we could do fall and spring breaks together sometimes.

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What about Election Day on all 3 options? Regardless if early voting. They've always been off school on Election Day.

I'd rather start the Wednesday after Labor day and push into June at this point. It's so hot in August now and mild in May. We could swim until October this year but couldn't swim in the first two weeks of June.

Shorten school days back to 2:35 so students have enough time to do their sports and have time with their loved ones.

It will also help lessen anxiety within students due to how much stress school causes. Thank you for your time.

I don't really mind, i just would like more summer break time.



This committee needs to be better about coordinating with JCPS. We have many families who have parents that work in JCPS and when the breaks are completely different, then families do not get to spend time together. There is no reason that fall break and spring break should be completely different. Please keep this in mind when creating options for families to "vote" on.

I think we should go 3 months off 1 month etc kids get bored easily

Would be better to split up options. Like make survey to be start date as option separate from other pieces, along with spring break, fall break. Allow some options of bullitt days, other days off etc. Picking a whole calendar based on the minor changes while change is each one, is not good, as the constants is not a very consistent survey. Example start date changes but one has different fall/spring break dates.

It doesn't make a big difference to me either way. I'd prefer you asked the teachers. I chose this for less single days off. As a work from home mom its easiest for me to manage, but only by a little. Ask the teachers :-)

Please keep 1st option :).

We personally have to put vacation time in for work in December. If the fall and spring breaks could remain consistent like the first full week of Oct for fall break it would help parents like us out.

Families are not used to fall break being later in the month of October. If it's changed, students will be out since some reservations cannot be changed.

I'm thankful that they're not trying to start the school year so early. There are more fun activities for the kids to do when they get out later in May. Amusement parks and water parks typically do not open the pools until after Memorial Day so this allows kids to enjoy more summer activities like that. In my opinion starting later and ending a bit later in May is the best and any of these options are great!

I chose Option 2 only because of the first day for students being one day later than Option 1. Going for 4 days after being off all summer, is really difficult for elementary age students, especially primary.

Please align Fall and Spring Breaks with JCPS.

Would have loved a 2 week fall break/spring break option like last year.

the later fall break is definitely better for planning around other events

Parents cant take random days off during the week for professional dev days. If we have to then you should at least consider doing it close to a weekend. The day after super bowl is ridiculous! Nobody wants to get out of school into June either because of makeup snow days called out for wind and flurries. Have a better plan BCPS

Spring Break should be March 30th-April 3rd to align with surrounding counties. As a coach we run tournaments over spring break that involve Jefferson County schools, we have to play these games during the day because we have so many teams involved. This is not possible if our breaks do not align. This is not only a money making opportunity lost for us, but also a missed opportunity for your young athletes to play.



I would also imagine this causes issues for parents in the district who work for surrounding counties. They will now be working while their children are out of school and have to find childcare.

Add a break or day off in February

Please try to make your calendar mirror JCPS calendars as much as possible as many people are employed by JCPS that live in Bullitt or have family that they need help from in Louisville on days that school is out.

Right to school does not prorate week so we should start the school on Monday or Tuesday.

Option 3-fall break and Christmas break were too close together.

I don't think the kids need to be out of school the day after the Superbowl or oaks day. I also think all the bullit days are crazy

It's a good plan for the school year.

it would be nice to have more options for fall break and spring break

Option 1 or 2 by far

As an AP teacher it is challenging to have less time in the calendar to help prepare students for those exams in early May. Option 3 takes away many days that would be lost for AP students that they won't be able to get back, not counting any snow days that may be used as well. Just some thoughts.

I would suggest moving one of the PD days in February to March so we can break up our longer weekends

We start too early!

Reasons for choosing Option 1:

4 days during the first week help littles get into the routine faster

Ending quarter after fall break gives teachers a chance to catch up before completing grades

Ending instructional days before memorial day is a great ending for students/staff

It would be great if BCPS and JCPS would coordinate fall, winter and spring breaks

Can't we make Oaks Day a PD day? Two Mondays in a row in February seems silly.

For Option 1 it reads: Closing Day

Monday, May 26

It should be Tuesday, May 26

I have no additional comments.

I like the additional day for the fall and spring breaks.

Give the kids a summer, school should not start in August

As a parent and a staff member, it would be wonderful if surrounding counties would work together to have fall and spring break align together.

Option 3



This would have been easier if a chart was provided showing the similarities and differences in the three options.

Option 1 likely to prevail as most people will not take the time to understand the differences in the calendar.

My family prefers to get out of school earlier. It also makes graduation party options, earlier in June to not affect family vacation time. We also prefer the early fall break so the weather may be warmer. Option 1 seems great. I like the change to include day out for kids after super bowl. Getting up that next morning is a rough one of you like to watch.

Great work developing the calendar options!

Fall break should be eliminated and start later in August. The summer is too short. Fall break is unnecessary and a total inconvenience. Bullitt says should be on Friday.

Has there ever been any consideration to scheduling spring break in the middle of March?

Would like to see JCPS calendar and BCPS calendar line up for either Fall Break or Spring Break.

To be frank, I DO NOT like ANY of those choices... I wonder if District Leadership is catering to the vocal minority who do not want to begin school until mid-August -- as ALL of these proposed calendars show. In the past we've usually had questions to ask what week of August we want to begin school and this year that choice has been made for us. If I have to choose from any of these Option 1 ONLY because it's the only one where kids get out BEFORE Memorial Day!

Love starting the 2nd week in August as opposed to the 1st week.

Why are none aligned with JCPS Spring Break?

I do not like ANY of these options. Oaks Day should not be a day off. It is ridiculous to bring these kids back in after Memorial Day. All snow days should be NTI days. We will also have early voting in the schools to contend with in May.

I would LOVE to see spring break pulled forward a week or 2 in the future. Those dark winter months are long!

Easter is the weekend before all the spring break options. This is inconvenient for people who want to be home for the holiday and travel for spring break

It's not really a survey when half the days that are involved in the calendar cannot be commented on. It's what's expected of Bullitt Co school board - give the idea that people have a choice but in reality they don't.

High school students should start school at 9:00. They start too early and a lot struggle with depression and other issues because they start too early.

Fall Break is unnecessary. Bullitt County is not affected by Kentucky Derby traffic so there is no reason to be closed on Oak's Day. Longer summer breaks are a greater benefit. Doing a survey with 3 options that have nearly the same start and end days really isn't giving 3 options.

Prefer to have Fall Break during the second full week of Oct.

As an employee the Bullitt Day at Labor Day is very important. It gives teachers the opportunity to look at all of the beginning of year data and baselines to make instructional plans for individual students.

Would like to see an option that has a longer winter break instead of extending both fall and spring breaks.



Why can school start the week earlier in August?

I would have liked to have seen the professional development day in november instead for the first option but the rest of the options seemed of more significance than those days alone.

Like the dates for off days best

Please send a survey to gather responses regarding sports scheduling in elementary and middle. No one ever get feedback regarding the scheduling of county sports. They are an important part of growth and development along with a sense of community.

I would prefer later start dates so children are not on the bus in high heat temperatures so much and can enjoy actual summer weather during summer break.

I truly think calendar 3 is the best set up for children and parents and probably teachers as well.