

CCSD59 School Calendar 2024 - 2025

Board of Education Meeting
Discussion



COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

BOE Meeting 1.9.24

Discussion Items

- Calendar Requirements
- Historical Information
- Annual Calendar Approval Process
- Holidays 2024-25
- Review Draft Calendar 2024-25
- Guidance for Next Steps

Calendar Requirements

ISBE Requirements	
176	Student Attendance Days
4	Max. Institute Days
5	Emergency Days

185 Total Calendar Days

Certified CBA Requirements	
2	Start-of-Year Days
176	Student Attendance Days
4	Institute Days
2	Conference Days
184	Total Attendance Days
9	Paid Holidays
5	Paid Emergency Days

198 Total Paid Days

ESP Calendar Components	
2	Start-of-Year Days
176	Student Attendance Days
4	Institute Days
2	Conference Days
184	Total Attendance Days
12	Paid Holidays

196 Total Paid Days



Historical Information

- Calendars typically similar year-to-year
- CCSD59 approved both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars in April 2019, but outside changes made multi-year calendars too challenging to maintain
- The 2022-23 school calendar was updated to reflect changes in the newly bargained Certified contract and to more closely align to neighboring districts
 - A committee was formed with leadership and DEA representatives
 - Calendar consolidation was approved by the BOE at this time

School Calendar 2020 - 2021

CCSD59

Month	PLT Dates:
AUGUST 2020	12, 19, 26
10 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students 11 Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students 12 Teacher Institute - No School for Students 13 Remote Planning Day 14 Remote Planning Day 17 First Day of Student Attendance: Grades 1st - 8th 18 First Day of Student Attendance: Kindergarten	
SEPTEMBER 2020	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
7 Labor Day - School Closed 25 Remote Planning Day	
OCTOBER 2020	7, 14, 21, 28
7 Student Attendance Day with Evening Parent Conferences 8 No School for Students with Afternoon and Evening Parent Conferences 9 Non Attendance Day - School Closed 12 Columbus Day - School Closed TBD End of 1st Quarter TBD Report Cards Go Home - Jr. High	
NOVEMBER 2020	4, 11, 18
2 Remote Planning Day 3 General Election Day - No School for Students TBD End of 1st Trimester TBD Report Cards Go Home - Elementary 24 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Holiday) 25 Non Attendance Day - School Closed 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed 27 Non Attendance Day - School Closed	
DECEMBER 2020	2, 9, 16
18 One Hour Early Dismissal (Before Break) 21 - 31 Winter Break - School Closed	
JANUARY 2021	6, 13, 20, 27
1 Winter Break - School Closed 4 School Resumes TBD End of 2nd Quarter 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed TBD Report Cards Go Home - Jr. High	



Annual Calendar Approval Process

- ISBE school calendar requirements reviewed for updates
- State holidays reviewed for updates
- D214 approved calendar reviewed for updates
- DRAFT calendar created to align with new requirements and district needs
- Input gathered from leadership and DEA (CBA language*)
- BOE discussion of draft calendars and holidays (typically in December or January)
- BOE action on school calendar and holidays (typically in January or February)
- Communicate and share approved school calendar with the learning community
- BOE action on the official last day of school (typically in April)

**The school calendar will be developed and recommended to the Board of Education for approval by the Human Resources Department with input and feedback from DEA leadership and staff.*



Holidays 2024-25

July 4, 2024	Independence Day
September 2, 2024	Labor Day
November 5, 2024	General Election Day*
November 26, 2024	Indigenous People's Day**
November 27, 2024	Veterans Day**
November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2024	Day-After Thanksgiving
December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
December 31, 2024	New Year's Eve

January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
January 15, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
February 19, 2025	President's Day
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
June 19, 2025	Juneteenth National Freedom Day

*Only for the 2024 calendar year.

**Approved to be observed on different day while instructional activities at school honor the people represented by holiday.



DRAFT K-8 School Calendar 2024-25

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CCSD59 K-8 School Calendar 2024 - 2025									
					DRAFT				
Non Attendance #	Early Release #	School Break (Recess) #	Institute Day #	Start-of-Year Day #					
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	Key Dates		Additional Information		
1	2	3	4	5	JULY	7/4	Independence Day (4)		
8	9	10	11	12					
15	16	17	18	19					
22	23	24	25	26					
29	30	31							
			1	2	AUGUST				
5	6	7	8	9					
12	13	14	15	16		8/12 - 8/14, 8/15, 8/16	Staff Institute / Start-of-Year Days: No Student Attendance (12-14) First Day of Student Attendance for Grades 1-8 (15) First Day of Student Attendance for Kindergarten (16)		
19	20	21	22	23					
26	27	28	29	30					
					SEPTEMBER				
2	3	4	5	6		9/2	Non-Attendance Day: Labor Day (2)		
9	10	11	12	13					
16	17	18	19	20					

- Based on 176 student attendance days
- Grades 1-8 first day on Aug. 15
- Kindergarten first day on Aug. 16
- Continued D214 and neighboring district alignment with holidays, breaks, and institute days
- General Election Holiday on Nov. 5 and Institute Day planned for General Election on April 1
- Last day of school on June 2

Guidance for Next Steps



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Discussion Items

- **Balanced Calendar Data Points**
 - Research, Instructional Day Count, and Structure
 - Supplemental Instructional and Program Availability
 - Professional Learning and Assessment
 - Staffing Allocation
 - Operational Considerations
- **Ridge Preference Survey Results**
- **Next Steps / Discussion**



Research, Instructional Day Count, and Structure

- Balanced school calendars have the same number of instructional days (176) as Traditional school calendars
- The Balanced calendar adds 3 weeks of instruction during summer break to allow for a 2-week Fall Break and 1 additional week connected to Spring Break
- Balanced calendars are not year-round school calendars
- Education Next research based [article](#), *Busting the Myths About Year-Round School Calendars*



Supplemental Instruction and Program Availability

- Intersession instruction is not guaranteed due to inability to secure staffing and low student interest
- The Traditional calendar also provides supplemental intersession instruction with summer school
- After the Traditional calendar begins, new students can't join the Balanced calendar (3 weeks behind)



Professional Learning and Assessment

- The Balanced calendar requires a different assessment calendar and grading periods
- Staff on a different calendar than other schools can miss essential curriculum rollout training & support
- District summer PD sessions overlap with the Balanced calendar which prevents participation
- District-wide instructional coaches are not working during the extended dates of the Balanced calendar



Staffing Allocation

- ISBE teaching licensure for new graduates is typically not finalized until August 1
- Staff can't be shared between buildings on two different calendars which creates additional staffing costs
- District special education staff are not working during the extended dates of the Balanced calendar which creates challenges for special education support and legal deadlines



Operational Considerations

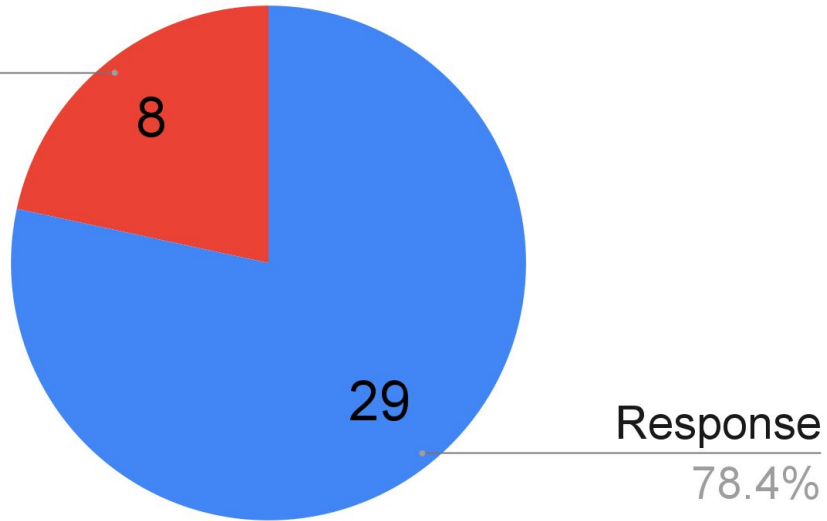
- Kindergarten registration is negatively impacted when there are two different calendar start dates
- Multiple calendars greatly reduces the time departments need to efficiently and effectively close and open 15 schools
- Creates extra challenges for district-wide cleaning, construction, device refresh, material refresh, etc.
- Requires 10 additional payroll calendars (10%) for less than 40 staff members (many payroll calendars are for 1 person)
- Inefficient to run a different calendar for 4% of total enrollment



Ridge Preference Survey Results

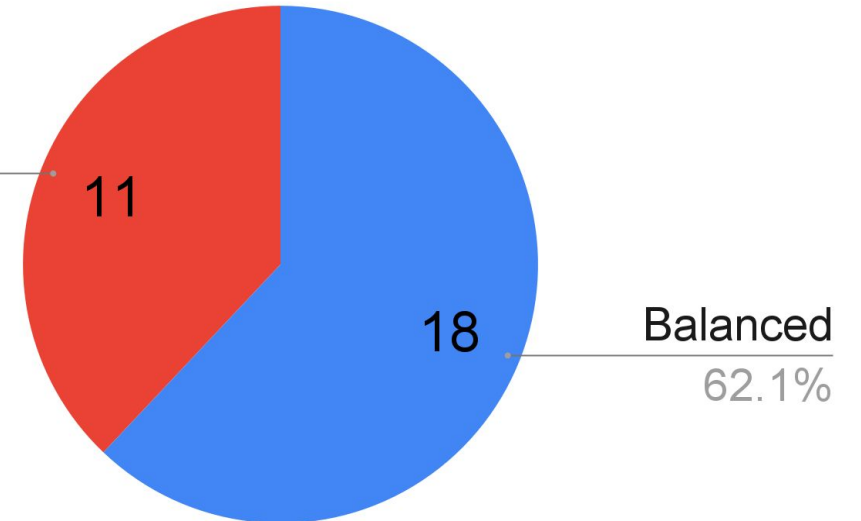
Staff Response

No Response
21.6%



Staff Preference

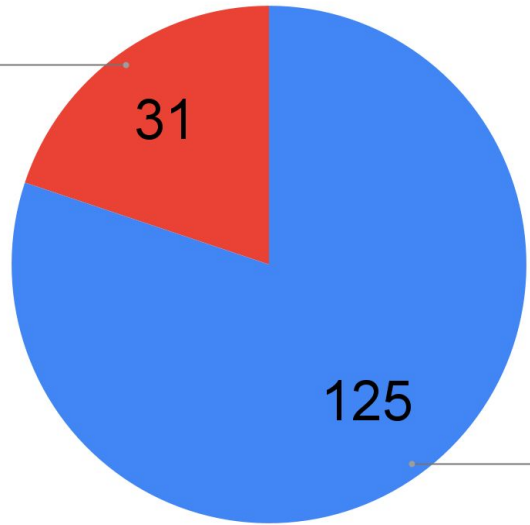
Traditional
37.9%



Ridge Preference Survey Results

Family Response

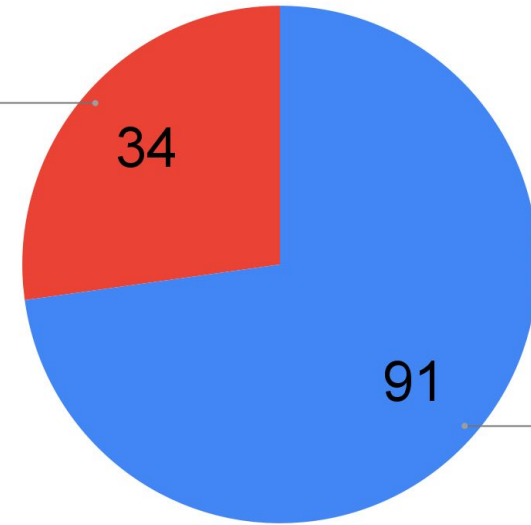
No Response
19.9%



Response
80.1%

Family Preference

Traditional
27.2%



Balanced
72.8%

Next Steps / Discussion



Appendix: Additional Information



DRAFT Balanced Calendar 2024-25 - Early Start

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					CCSD59 Balanced Calendar 2024 - 2025		
Non Attendance	Early Release	School Break (Recess)	Institute Day	Start-of-Year Day	DRAFT		
#	#	#	#	#			
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	Key Dates	Additional Information	
1	2	3	4	5	JULY	7/4 Independence Day (4)	
8	9	10	11	12			
15	16	17	18	19			
22	23	24	25	26		7/23, 7/24 7/25, 7/26	Start-of-Year Days: No Student Attendance (23-24) First Day of Student Attendance for Grades 1-8 (25) First Day of Student Attendance for Kindergarten (26)
29	30	31					
			1	2	AUGUST		
5	6	7	8	9			
12	13	14	15	16		8/13 Non-Attendance Day: Staff Institute (13)	
19	20	21	22	23			
26	27	28	29	30			
2	3	4	5	6	SEPTEMBER	9/2 9/5, 9/6 Non-Attendance Day: Labor Day (2) Non-Attendance Day: Conferences (5), Non-Attendance Day (6),	
9	10	11	12	13			
16	17	18	19	20			

- Based on 176 student attendance days
- Begins 3 weeks before K-8 calendar
 - Additional 2 week Fall Break
 - Adds 1 extra week to Spring Break
- Grades 1-5 first day on July 25
- Kindergarten first day on July 26
- Last day is 2 days after K-8 calendar on June 4
- Intersession staffing not guaranteed
- Curriculum, PL calendars, assessment calendars, conferences, report cards, etc., do not align with district schools
- District preparation time greatly reduced
- Creates division & inefficiencies in D59

DRAFT Balanced Calendar 2024-25 - Aligned Start

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16	17	18	19	20		
SEPTEMBER						

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- Start-of-Year aligns with K-8 calendar
- Ends 3 weeks after K-8 calendar
 - Additional 2 week Fall Break
 - Adds 1 extra week to Spring Break
- Grades 1-5 first day on Aug. 15
- Kindergarten first day on Aug. 16
- Last day of school on June 23
- Intersession staffing not guaranteed
- Overlaps with summer school
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