

Minidoka County School District
Calendar Survey Summary
January 21, 2019

MCSD 2019-2020 Calendar Survey

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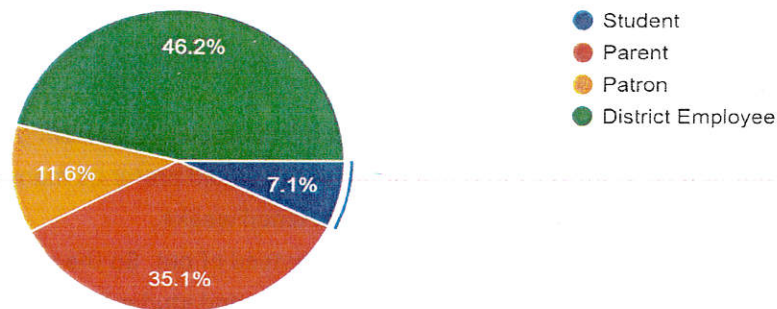
The Minidoka County School District (MCS D) Calendar Committee has met and is recommending the following two calendars for your consideration. The ultimate decision for setting the calendar lies with the School Board but they do appreciate and listen to input from stakeholders.

The primary difference between the two calendars is that Option A has a full week off at Thanksgiving and school ends the Thursday after Memorial Day (similar to this year), while Option B has two days of school the week of Thanksgiving but ends the Friday before Memorial Day. You can see a complete description of the differences between this year and the proposed calendars here.

We would like your input on the two calendar options.

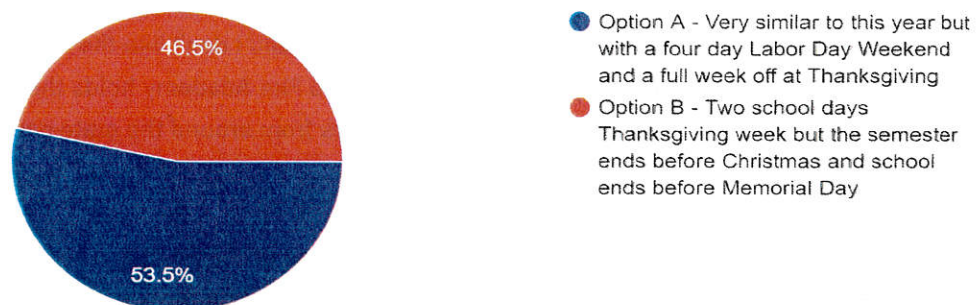
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Which Calendar Option do you prefer?

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Comments & Suggestions

Why do we get hung up on being done before Memorial day.

Option A gives breaks throughout the year and I think students & teachers need these. They come back refreshed.

Start after Labor day end before Memorial day.

later start date?

My suggestion would be to put registration one week earlier to help secretaries, administrators and teachers have time to make sure all new students are placed when they do not have to be in district or school wide meetings.

No school after Memorial Day.

I LOVE the day after Halloween without students!

I would really like to have at least an hour between when school is released and when we start PTC. It is very difficult being focused for my students during the day and immediately ready for the parents after school.

Too many days out of school.

I believe that any school days after Memorial Day are wasted days. The students have pretty much checked out as well as most teachers.

Move registration a week earlier so it doesn't interfere with the Cassia Fair.

It is helpful for families when our District calendar coincides with Cassia and college, Christmas and Spring breaks.

A week during Thanksgiving and not such a long time for Christmas break.

I LOVE the idea of Nov. 1st off!!! THANK YOU!

You did a great job on calendars this year.

I would prefer early release days for inservices. If we could get a full counted day by having students until 1:00 we could shorten the amount of days from start to finish of the year. I would prefer as many 5 teaching day weeks as possible as it is hard to get into teaching routines with shortened weeks.

Well the students and teachers need to have more days in school instead of out. So the students can learn more because they are out way too much during the school year. Teachers and students get the whole summer off so they can do what they need then. We need to think about the students and their learning needs, should come first and not all these extra days off.

I strongly recommend school not be held on National Holidays when parents are off work.

Use option A give up the Friday before labor and get rid of November 1st and April 24 Inservice days and still have full week off at Thanksgiving and get out before Memorial day

I think it is really important to not have the last week of the semester be the week students get back after Christmas break. I do like the full week off before Thanksgiving and I don't like the President's Day PD day.

We need to continue to have President's Day off because the Idaho Fire Academy holds their state conference at our school for the entire 3 day weekend. Over 500 firefighters from around the state participate. We have had this in our building for at least 15 years.

On option A, why not have a work day on the 15 of November instead of the 26. It is a big job to get ready for a new trimester. Then have the inservice day on the 26 and come to school on the 25. It is nice for families to have the week of Thanksgiving off, but I need a work day on a trimester switch. On option B, why not have the inservice day on the 26. Why is it only on option A. I like option B because students don't come back after Memorial Day,

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but I would come back those days to have a work day to get ready for a new trimester. What happened to October State inservice.

Not with the calendar but with class size. I work at Heyburn and I had 7 students absent today which left me with 19 students. It was heavenly! I felt like I was on vacation. I could actually teach and manage behaviors imagine that. The students were on task and working quietly and all engaged. It was so nice to get some learning done. It reminded me of why I love teaching. I wish we could get our classes sizes down again it would help so much.

No, I don't

Getting out of school BEFORE Memorial Day is the best for everyone - students, especially!!

We do not need an entire week at Thanksgiving and then two weeks off for Christmas. I would rather my kids get finished with school before Memorial Day!

I didn't see the oct state inservice s reflected the first week of October.

Having a full week before Christmas is a lost week, no academia sticks and lessons get behind. Perhaps a catch up days Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th then an early release on Wednesday the 18th. this would give schools at grade level a chance to catch up with district calendars and in synch with groups and resource.

NONE

Option B

I like option B. I was wondering if we could have a a work day on the 14th and 19th of August instead of PD?

Don't send teachers to work on the Wednesday (Parade) of Cassia Fair, Graduations should be the last week of school, no In-Service on President's Day.

too many in service days

We should get out at 2:30 on Mondays because all the students are not ready to have a full day of school the first day of the week.

I prefer option B because of the timing of Semester two beginning. It was really hard on the high school students to return from Christmas Break this year and have to take finals on material they learned before Christmas. Option B would eliminate that problem.

I prefer option B because the Seniors graduate one day before school ends. I think this limits the time wasted at the end of the year. When seniors graduate earlier, the remainder of the school year is wasted for the rest of the school- especially those in honors and dual-credit classes.

I prefer option B because the first semester ends before Christmas break. Having finals after Christmas break was horrible this year!!!

I really like the semester ending before Christmas break. The week after Christmas break was full of dead time because several teachers gave their finals before Christmas and the new grade cycle did not begin for another week. The weeks of Christmas did not help with the finals that were after Christmas either because few students studied and so many students struggled with their finals.

I would like to see option B and the full week at Thanksgiving.

I really appreciate the longer Thanksgiving and Christmas. All my family lives across the state. It is nice to have the extra time with them.

Extend 2nd conference out, or shorten to just prior to end of semester to provide time for students to demonstrate actual performance. Makes no sense to have parent teacher conferences just a week or two into the semester.

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I think being in synce with cassias calendar as far as spring breaks, thanksgiving and Christmas would be very very helpful

No. Thank you for asking.

It's hard to do finals after a long break at Christmas

All school days ought to be between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

Thank you to all of those who work so tirelessly and selflessly!

The first question in this brief survey does not allow the selection of all that apply. I am a parent, patron, and district employee. Also, why was there only a visual calendar provided for option A in the January 9th email to staff. It would have been more convenient to have had visuals for both calendars in the same email. I had to use the detail in the pdf stating the differences to make a decision. I could have taken the extra time to find a previous email or to go to the district website for a visual on calendar B but I am already short on time.

we know that any concerns that may arise admin: will listen what is the right thing to do.

My concern with calendar B is that semester 2 is a full 10 days longer than semester 1. Seems that would be hard for students and teachers to deal with.

Last year as I visited with District Administrators it was suggested that the Committee look into not start school until after Labor Day. Is this being looked into at all? We still have many days of farming summer needs, so starting in September would of huge help to many of us parents

If you are making us start before Labor day, then let us out before memorial day. You shouldn't hold us over on both ends. We don't need a whole week out for Thanksgiving

I feel that we have too many here and there days already. Lets stay in school more and be out by memorial day.

I want to be able to start my summer job earlier.

Ending the semester before Christmas is a great idea.

Having High School finals after the Christmas break was rough. Having the semester done before Christmas is ingenious and it would help the teachers stay on track rather than slacking in class and playing before Christmas.

It's nice to have the four day weekend for Labor Day but I don't believe they need a full week off at thanksgiving however for Christmas it was nice to have two full weeks off. It would be nice for school to be out before Memorial Day.

Please please get our class sizes more manageable!!!

<p>President's Day should be a day we have off. Most places take that day off. Also on the calendars, some of the colored days do not match with the description.</p>
<p>Could we have 2 full student contact days and a early release on Wednesday before Thanksgiving and then still get out by Memorial Day? Parents might be willing to sacrifice more time right before Thanksgiving and enjoy not having to send their students back to school after Memorial Day.</p>
<p>Thanks for being so open to input from both parents and staff!</p>
<p>You do know that Thanksgiving is November 28, the 4th Thursday in November.</p>
<p>According to the calendars, both end on May 28. It must be a mistype?</p>
<p>semester versus trimester. If the high school were to switch to semesters, all other schools need to do so also. We would not need trimester work days, but one at the end of the semester. Parent-teacher conferences would also need to change to be at better times for semesters.</p>
<p>The days after Memorial are just babysitting because student have shutdown.</p>
<p>Offering August 30 as a holiday is a great moral booster. Also, limiting the number of PD days to 2 would also be a benefit.</p>
<p>Why can't we have a full week at Thanksgiving and end before Memorial Day? Student contact days do not need to be added to. In fact, it would be more developmentally appropriate, especially at the elementary level, for students to spend a little less time in school. Also, when snow days are not used, we never see them. I think it would be helpful to end a day or two earlier if the snow days were not used during the winter. Students NEED family time, as do district employees.</p>
<p>Restart school on January 3rd from Christmas break. Then we could be out of school before Memorial Day.</p>
<p>Full week off at Thanksgiving for students but not staff with calendar A.</p>
<p>I would just double check that the dates on the side are listed correctly. :)</p>
<p>Have the teachers come in one day earlier in August and be done same as students. Teachers will have time with the early release to get business taken care knowing they don't have to come back after Memorial Day for one day</p>
<p>Now that we only have 2 PT Conferences, the 2nd one should be moved to March so that parents have a better picture of how their child is performing more towards the end of the school year as opposed to the middle of the year.</p>
<p>My biggest complaint with our current calendar is the fact that we are going to graduate the seniors almost an entire week before the rest of the kids get out. If you teach multi grade classes this is ridiculous! Also as a semester teacher coming back for two weeks does not work. The kids almost always have worse grades on their finals when they come back.</p>
<p>If at all possible can we please end S-1 in December?</p>
<p>Do you have other suggestions or concerns with these calendars?</p>
<p>What about a 4 day school week Tuesday through Friday</p>
<p>Why don't we shorten thanksgiving and Christmas break and get out of school before Memorial Day and also not start school until after Labor Day.</p>
<p>This years calendar has been fantastic!</p>
<p>I suggest maybe a little bit longer Christmas break due to everyone leaving town, state, and country doe the holidays. Would be nice and convenient for those traveling. Maybe by shortening an other break or making school end sometime in june, it would work out.</p>

I really think that you need to have the full week of thanksgiving off and still get out before memorial day even if you make up that day and half on the Christmas break

They need to be edited. Looks like the calendars are correct, but the information on the left doesn't match.

The christmas break would be fine to start on the Dec. 22. Two plus weeks is way too long.

My kids would rather be out before Memorial Day. After Memorial is a waste

Why are there so many no school days for staff development?

We need to do a 4 day school week

Would school begin sooner with Option B in August? If not, I vote sooner summer OPTION B. Love shorter thanksgiving time as well and longer Christmas time.

Start school on a Monday instead of the middle of the week. So kids can get started full swing

Can school start later please?! It would be better for the kids and parents.