

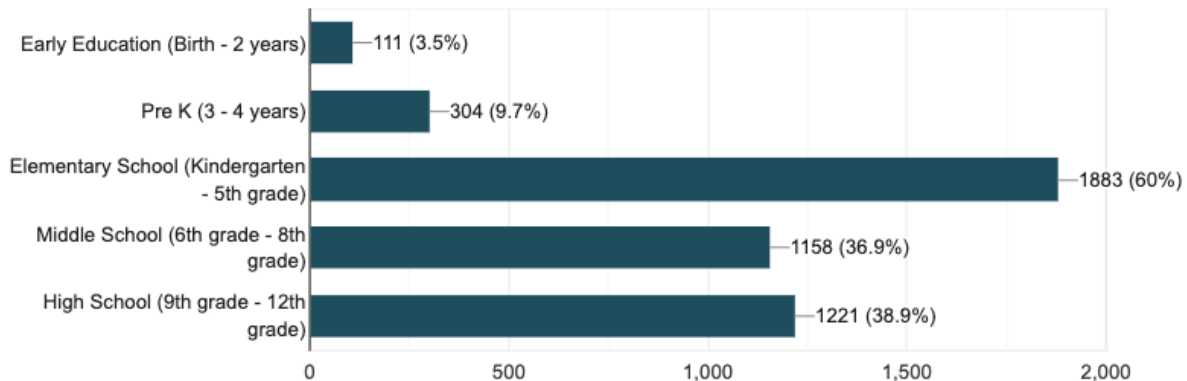
**ISD Families Survey: Four-Day School Week
Responses: 3,139 (21% response rate)**

Question 1:

In which grade do you have a student(s)? Check all that apply.



3,139 responses



Question 2: Please indicate what you would consider beneficial to your family with the possible adoption of a four-day school week. Check all that apply.

Selection choices	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
More time with scheduling appointments, personal matters	2124	67.7%
More time with family, friends	1709	54.4%
Student and staff well-being	1693	53.9%
More consistent calendar with fewer random days off during the school year	1247	39.7%
Recruitment and retention of quality staff	1055	33.6%
Added fifth-day educational opportunities for students	831	26.5%
Student availability to work part-time	625	19.9%
Other	243	7.7%

Answers typed into blank field; duplicates have been removed:

1. ?
2. 4 day school week would not be beneficial at all to my household
3. 4 day weekend costs working parents more
4. 5 days of learning isn't enough to me
5. A 4 day week is not beneficial to the children. Students are already lagging behind due to Covid. Adoption of year round school calendar would be beneficial should a 4 day week be adopted. R and then they were like
6. A four day week would not be beneficial for my family.
7. A good way to push for better school funding in our state
8. A longer work day would cut into after school activities.
9. Absolutely none!
10. Added opportunity for additional tutoring that does not occur before or after normal school hours, as well as additional time for clubs meetings
11. As a single parent this will put me in a very bad spot And force me to live my children at home for long periods of time unsupervised.
12. Children need five days of learning, avg. adults work five days a week
13. Convenient for parent work schedule
14. Could sleep in Friday
15. Do not consider beneficial to my family. We have neurodivergent children. I have one with ADHD and one on the spectrum. They are accustomed to their current routines. This would not help them.
16. Don't see any.
17. Don't see many advantages to this 4 day week.
18. don't think it's a good idea
19. Don't know
20. Don't like
21. e, Possible tutoring possibilities without the pressure of class and peers would be lovely if we moved to 4 days a week...
22. Even with the shorter school days if your kid is in sports it doesn't help us. We have to break up our days to take to practice and school activities. These events is what takes the most time. With practices not really any breaks.
23. Four day school will not work well for us, i have to work more due to biden inflation
24. Give the children more time to process what they are learning and not get overwhelmed
25. Hard to say before knowing what the schedule would look like and how it would affect extracurricular activities
26. Having a four day school week is not beneficial at all.
27. I am extremely concerned as a single mom who already struggles to provide

before and after school care. There need to be full days of kid safari offered at a discounted rate, it's extremely unfair to either not provide full day care for the 5th day or to provide it but have it cost me more.

28. I am extremely concerned as a working single mom who already struggles with paying for morning and afternoon kid safari AND full day kid safari, it will be extremely hard for me to figure out childcare for an additional day a week and to pay for more than I already am
29. I believe this would be the worst possible adoption for a four day week ever for parents work schedules and children's learning.
30. I can't think of anything beneficial about this idea for our family.
31. I cannot think of anything beneficial
32. I clicked added 5th day for educational opportunities ONLY if there is some type of transportation for my students to get to & from school. How will this impact sports at the Middle & High School level & students getting to practice without a ride from a parent if they do not drive.
33. I do not agree with the 4 day school week. I think it is stupid
34. I do not know if a 4 day school week would be good for my daughter. She already struggles with getting her assignments turned in on time.
35. I do not see any benefit. A 6th grader can't stay home alone and parents can't take off!!!!!!
36. I do not support 10 hour days for schooling
37. I do not think this would be beneficial as I work 5 days a week, I would be required to find part time child care for 1 day. Which is an extra expense.
38. I don't agree with this
39. I don't approve of a 4-day school week as there is no informational rough draft of how the district plans to schedule this
40. I don't believe my child with learning disabilities would profit from 4 day
41. I don't think It'll benefit my family. On the contrary It'll affect my family due to babysitting.
42. I don't think there are any current benefits of this that outweigh the negative impact it will have on working families in our area.
43. I don't think this will benefit any family with working parents.
44. I don't agree at all with making a 4 day weekend that will impact my child's learning process
45. I don't have enough details to confidently choose from this list.
46. I don't think there is any benefit, especially since the curriculum, testing and other things are not being changed.
47. I personally think that kids should have to go 5 days a week. This world isn't getting better therefore our kids need to be as educated as possible.

48. I really think getting rid of summers and having more breaks throughout the year is better. In the summer every child across America is off which makes any travels complicated. It also gets kids into miss just because they are bored for such a long break periods.
49. I see no benefit with a working family when it has been shown kid Safari doesn't not fit with my child with behavior and sensory issues
50. I see no benefit you are stressing already struggling family with finding extra care and education for our children!
51. I see no current benefits for our family, only more inconvenience and financial costs
52. I still have to work so would need to find care elsewhere.
53. I think about it benefits our family
54. I think the 4 day learning hurts our children. One more way we are NOT serving our kids like they deserve
55. I think there wouldn't be a retention issue if the team hers got paid more money in Missouri and had more support as library clerks and paras.
56. I think this is going to create more problems than solutions
57. I understand the reasoning behind the potential 4 day school week. However, most parents do not work a 4 day work week. My child would have to attend all day kids safari when she could be learning in a classroom environment. Other kids whos parents work a 5day week might be forced to leave their children unattended at home. Middle and high schoolers specifically. This is not ideal for children or parents well being. As parents we already struggle with child care between work and school hours.
58. I want to continue a 5 day school week.
59. I work, so my child would probably work with his cousin or play on his ebox
60. I would have the possibility to have more time with my children. Then I would also be able to help them with school work if need be.
61. I would mark "more time with family" however, I am uncertain of the effect this will have on the Early Education department which I work in. If I get the fifth day off with my child this would be highly beneficial to his psychological wellbeing as well as our time together as a family.
62. I would prefer we provide support, money and supplies to our teachers and staff.
63. Im a single mom w/a job, that is Monday-Friday, I would risk losing my job if I could only work 4 days a week due to my young aged kids going ot school 4 days a week would kids safari be available on the 5th day there is no School?
64. INCREASE PAY FOR EDUCATORS AND STAFF!!!!
65. it does not benefit me since I would have to take care of her and miss my job
66. It would make it harder for single parents who work mon-fri, if a care program

- was offered that's more money that we don't have
67. It would prevent me from being able to continue to work full time
 68. It wouldn't this is a crazy idea
 69. Just by making the answering of this part of the survey mandatory skews the results from the survey results because there is no benefit.....malicious
 70. Keep school days as they are.
 71. Keeping the same rate of pay as an hourly employee with ISD
 72. Kids with an IEP should not be left behind and doing a 4 day week would put special needs and IEP students behind
 73. Less days to struggle in am
 74. less exposure to LGBTQ grooming from staff. less bullying from students with terrible home life and limited potential to be productive in society.
 75. Less time being indoctrinated
 76. Literally nothing.
 77. Many parents do work a M-F Work Schedule
 78. Mental health
 79. Mental health is just as important for children as it is for adults.
 80. Mines don't need the extra day off from school
 81. More time for homework
 82. More time for traveling for sports and other activities. Extra rest day after a weekend of sports and activities.
 83. More time with my daughter. I as a parent work weekends only.
 84. My children need to be at school that's to much free time
 85. My kid needs to be at school all 5 days
 86. My kid won't have to walk 30 min to school. I'm extremely concerned about her walking in the freezing cold just because there are no bus drivers.
 87. My kids want five school days. They like it very much . By the way. I need to work five weekdays very week. who can substitute to my paycheck if I work four days only in a week?
 88. My student has special needs and he sure could use additional help to get the weeks worth of assignments caught up with a teacher
 89. my student takes advanced classes and the time to study, complete homework and participate in extracurricular activities is a challenge
 90. My student would have a day to relax, catch up on work and attitude would improve.
 91. No benefit to my family as a whole because we would end up having to pay more monthly in childcare .
 92. No benefit to our family as both parents work 5 days a week.
 93. No benefit. Please don't do this.

94. No benefits, truly harms our lifestyle and routines which we have worked hard to have in place, move work days to 4 days to match then you can do the 4 day school week
95. No benefits. Would have to find a sitter or do all day kids safari.. Which would be costly.
96. No hay beneficio para mi familia en lo absoluto
97. No me beneficia de ninguna forma
98. None
99. none - I'd prefer a year-round calendar
100. None are beneficial, I work and have nowhere for my child to go at 5:00 a.m. on that day
101. none it would create more barriers than support
102. None. Mandatory 5 day school week.
103. None. My wife works from home on phones all day.
104. none. This is just a ploy by republicans to destroy our public school system in order to divert federal funds to religious charter schools.
105. Not beneficial to kids these things are beneficial to adults
106. Not benefiting the child nor the parent at all
107. Not good at all because then the day they don't go to school people have to lose hours at their full time jobs and find sitters for them to work to support their families and not everyone has two incomes in their homes.
108. Not having to hurry home to get kids off of bus
109. NOT INTERESTED
110. Nothing this is a horrible decision
111. NOTHING!! We have to work so we would have to pay for childcare, will ISD pay for it?
112. Nothing. Pay the teachers what they actually deserve and DO BETTER FOR OUR KIDS.
113. Nothing. The real working world isn't 4 day weeks.
114. Now having to find care for a child that suffers from depression and anxiety.
115. prefer Monday thru Thursday if approved
116. Recruitment and retention of quality staff won't happen when the staff is still expected to work on the "day off."
117. Savings of environmental and financial resources for school and families.
118. Schools are too crowded and they need to get away from the fighting
119. Self care !! Working on assignments that take more time for others
120. Student and staff time to get caught up on school work.
121. Students and staff won't be burnt out. Going to school 5 days a week for 13 years is a long time.

122. Students mental health
123. Students need to be at school for 5 days, most families have two working parents, how is leaving children at home unsupervised better than being at school learning
124. Students need to be in school 5days a week
125. The kids will have more rest. School is stressful.
126. There is no benefit for my family. I can't go to a four day work week. I have no family who could watch my children for me if school was closed and daycare is expensive so this would be very harmful to my family. Please consider how many single parent homes this would impact!
127. This change would impact working parents.
128. This could be a catch up day for him , because he has been having problems completing assignments
129. This is a terrible idea.
130. this is a trick question because you already have your minds made up
131. THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
132. This question is not constructive for a survey.
133. This will not be beneficial to us in any way. This will cause untold hardships for many families in this district if a 4 day school week is implemented. Parent base their work schedule around children being in school 5 days a week. This will cause financial issues for many families in a time where things are hard enough as it is.
134. This would be taking away from my child's education and child care is already expensive.
135. Three-day weekends for vacations
136. Treat your teachers better, you would have higher retention and better quality
137. Unsure, there is very little information as to implementation
138. what does research state about the amount of time students should be in school? This takes away time from most families since their jobs operate on a 5 day schedule. Teachers will be also be working even MORE with less support. This isn't a benefit to the staff either. Students will not be learning any more because there will be an increase in behavior and it will negate the instructional time.
139. Whatever is great for us as long as they are being educated and nothing interferes with their sports.
140. With the fifth day open for appointments less school will be missed
141. Would not be beneficial. Some parents have to work on Mondays, Monday appts are hard to reserve, a later release time would conflict with a after school activity that a child is committed too for the year, and my family would prefer the

routine of a 5 day schedule.

142. Would still prefer 5 days

143. You can't try to force a positive comment from this survey.

144. Zero

Question 3: Please select which fifth-day options your student might participate in. Check all that apply.

Selection choices	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Enhanced learning opportunities	1349	43%
Tutoring at school	1131	36%
Wouldn't participate in fifth-day activities	859	27.4%
Attendance makeup at school	855	27.2%
Field trips, college visits	731	23.3%
Work part-time	685	21.8%
A+ volunteer opportunities, service learning	606	19.3%
Credit recovery	553	17.6%
Internships, job shadowing	465	14.8%
College classes	381	12.1%
Other	140	4.5%

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1. 4 of these options only involve students in the last 2 years of schooling. What about the younger majority of students? Would these activities take the entire school day time or is it only part of a day? If only part of a day then I cannot take off work to get them there & back to Latitude so they would miss out on learning opportunities. They should be in school, not just having extra days off to lose what they learned the week before.
2. 5 day week is fine
3. A 1st grader isn't going to benefit much from these
4. A fifth school day.
5. additional family time
6. Against 4day week
7. All the students I have at ISD are special needs.
8. As my child is in Early Ed none of these options fit what he might "participate in." He would need childcare on that fifth day.
9. At home work to do
10. At this point, we aren't considering doing this.
11. Catch up on extra credit if falling behind

12. Catch up on homework
13. Children need five days of learning...
14. Children would not thrive in such a schedule.
15. Chores at home that need to be done
16. clubs or other activities
17. DAYCARE
18. Daycare if available
19. Daycare part time
20. Dentist/ortho appointments, doctors appointments
21. Depends on what's offered for their grade level.
22. Ditto
23. Educational family trips
24. Enhanced learning opportunities, Learning opportunities that match their learning levels. Clubs like chess.
25. Exercise, more time to explore outdoors
26. Extra activities
27. Family fun days
28. Family outings
29. Family time and sports or missing assignment makeup
30. Field trips? Lead by whom? Teachers will be taking field trips with students on their day off?
31. Four day school schedule will hurt me, biden's economy makes me work more
32. Gaming all day and laying around.
33. General child care needed for my early education student due to one parent who is a district employee and the other working full time
34. Getting assignments done if not in school. With the help of me if I can do so. Only if they go for four days.
35. Go to school five days why would you do an opt in when you go five days currently
36. Help watch younger siblings
37. Hoping more creative/educational activities would be made available
38. How is this beneficial for my kid?
39. Hunting & fishing
40. I am completely against a four day school week.
41. I disagree with whole idea
42. I don't approve of a 4-day school week as there is no informational rough draft of how the district plans to schedule this
43. I don't have enough details to confidently choose from this list.
44. I don't understand how replacing a day of school with a day of activities benefits the kids
45. I hope the 5 day learning week stays in affect. They need to learn that the avg person and or child works a five day week. I think this Idea is harmful for the children.
46. I will switch school districts

47. I would need to alter my work schedule to be able to get my child to school for additional opportunities. In addition, how would this impact sports and other events? If practices/games were held on the off day, it would be difficult to get my child to school.
48. If a four day week is decided on, there absolutely needs to be all day kid safari at a discounted rate
49. If my older kid works then it childcare for younger. Im sorry but it keeps these kids busy and out of trouble. If it aint broke dont fix it.
50. If they are going to be learning at school with teachers available, as parents we feel this would be the same as if there was a 5 day school week which we would prefer
51. In home schooling
52. Involvement with local programs to learn trades or even just time to rest and recover
53. Is this for all school ages? Or specifically High school and Middle School only?
54. It depends what is available for elementary students.
55. It wouldn't this is a crazy idea
56. just doing more things with family. We are able to do that though since we work at home. That gets hard for most families because then they have to find childcare since they work Monday through Friday.
57. Keep school days as they are.
58. Kids need all five days of school for furthering learning for kids futures.
59. Kids Safari
60. Kids Safari. I have to work. Single parent.. No option to take 3 days off a week.
61. Life skills would be great if that could be added for younger children. Like gardening, money management, etc.
62. Make up work from illnesses
63. more time outdoors, Montessori, unstructured play, forest play groups, extracurricular activities like dance/swimming/etc.
64. More time with family and doing day to day life skills
65. My child would have to babysit her younger sibling
66. My kid would have to go to Kids Safari and Hopefully it Wouldn't be an additional cost to us parents because over half of us have Full Time jobs with only 1 parent.
67. My kids are k-5. this wouldn't be relevant.
68. My kids will not be able to participate in any 5th day opportunities because I work 5 days
69. My son is Autistic. Your schedule change only helps the regular kids at regular schools!!
70. My student is in elementary school and would benefit from none of these options. I can see how this system would benefit high school students but it is far more detrimental to the families of younger students.
71. My students would participate in whatever Cheap childcare I can find as I (& I'm sure a lot of other parents) am a single low income mother!
72. No benefits at all. Just get behind in school even further since the covid-19 pandemic.

73. No clue they will be in 4th and 6th grade so too young for most, can't afford the other "activities" suggested, and they are too young to leave home alone
74. No idea. Why would I want to disrupt our lives this way?
75. None of these meet the needs of our family.
76. None of this is helpful to my SPED student.
77. NOT INTERESTED
78. Not sure - my elementary students do not need tutoring at this time and they have always maintained great attendance. There are no other options above that they would qualify for.
79. Not sure. No transportation.
80. Nothing applies
81. Nowhere for him to go and no one to take him. I am a single parent who's at work during that time frame
82. Only if this passes would I be able to answer this question. I vote no.
83. Opportunity to catch up on school work-extra band rehearsals or choir rehearsals. Sports enhancement days.
84. Pay the teachers what they actually deserve and DO BETTER FOR OUR KIDS.
85. Play video games
86. Please do not shorten the school week to four days! This is extremely harmful to working single parents. Not everyone has a second option for their child when school is out.
87. Rest Days!
88. School based extracurriculars such as sporting practice, band practice, school events, etc.,
89. School sponsored clubs, such as robotics, Spanish club, etc.
90. Self care and to study and have more time for homework..
91. Since she is almost a year old, we would be able to go to activities (like the zoo or kid friendly learning centers) to expand her background knowledge to prepare her for when she starts preschool.
92. Single parents would not be able to support their family
93. sit at home doing nothing
94. Snow day make-up
95. Soccer practice, music classes
96. Stop trying to dumb down our children's future, school learning is needed 5 days a week, different districts have tried the 4 days a week schedule to help districts save money, it has not helped, it has only furthered low test scores and the incompetence of students
97. taking away school and then saying there will be learning opportunities really sends a mixed signal. basically saying school isn't important and doesn't matter.
98. TBD
99. The Chinese goes to school year round, our students should be in school, quit dumbing down our students
100. There are no options. I will more then likely have to move out the district

101. There will be many students with unstructured time, loss of learning, and extra challenges added to many families.
102. These are mostly benefits for high school students. This doesn't help the families of elementary students.
103. They are 5 and 7. Likely daycare.
104. They are elementary kids. they will be at home with a parent or at a babysitter that I will have to pay for.
105. They would be in school because I do not agree with this stupid 4 day school week crap
106. This all sounds good, BUT....Questions, who would be providing the enhanced learning opportunities if teachers are in professional development, planning or off on that 5th day? Or would certified teachers be actually working on these projects on those days as well? How will this affect the academies programs for students as well, especially students who will be Seniors? What about the high school students who are off on that day and do not have access to come up for enhanced learning opportunities, tutoring or other areas above without transportation? WILL THERE BE BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GET THEM TO THOSE EVENTS?
107. This doesn't sound beneficial for elementary or middle school
108. This is just a ploy by republicans to destroy our public school system in order to divert federal funds to religious charter schools.
109. THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.
110. This is propaganda, y'all should be ashamed.
111. This survey needs more room to leave comments. It feels like you've already made your decision and this is going through the motions.
112. This survey seems to be built to force positive outcomes
113. This would all determine if there would be buses, etc. I work mon-fri with no help to get kids back and forth.
114. This would be taking away from my child's education and child care is already expensive.
115. This would make a child responsible for another child so the parent can work adding stress and strain to our family.
116. Time to just be a child.
117. Time with families and time for personal hobbies and interests.
118. Unsure
119. Use this time to catch up on missing or late work or redo projects
120. We work on Fridays, so he would need a full day of schooling or something through the school for the Fridays.
121. We would participate in 5th day activities if they were offered for early ed
122. What activities would ISD Offer single parents who work during the week for the kids on the off school day?
123. What benefit?
124. What educational options are actually available at no cost for all income levels?
125. Why is this survey one sided?

- 126. Will middle school have daycare for 6th graders that aren't old enough to stay home alone?
- 127. Would be forced in daycare all day unless school would offer a full days with of educational options to better my children with bus pick up and drop off
- 128. Would be sitting at home or required to attend work with me????
- 129. Would have nowhere to be while I'm at work.
- 130. Would have to use Kid's Safari since we would still be working 5 days/week. Full day would create increased financial burden in our family
- 131. Would not like a 4 day school schedule my child has adhd it is difficult for him to be in one class for long periods
Would only if needed or recommended by teacher
- 133. Would participate when older
- 134. Would probably do some of these as she got older
- 135. You say all this but in the end Parents don't encourage their children now to do all this so why do you thing having a four day work week they would start.

Question 4: Please indicate areas of concern for your family with the possible adoption of a four-day school week. Check all that apply.

Selection choices	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Longer school day	1244	39%
Impact on learning	1120	35.7%
No concerns	1047	33.4%
Shortened holiday breaks	1043	33.2%
Childcare	1003	32%
Source of food	297	9.5%
Other	129	4.1%

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1. 30 days less class room time per year. Disruptive towards special needs schedule. Massively increased childcare costs. Lack of preparation for 5 day work week and other real life scenarios.
2. 4 day weeks are a horrible idea, EVEN Less time they get to be prepared for real life
3. 5 days in school.
4. A complete breakdown of societal norms that will affect my child later in life.
5. Adhd child affected by routine shake up
6. Adult impact when being used to 4 day school week, when the real world operates on a 5 day work week.
7. Already have too much time off school. They don't need anymore
8. Are we trying to be an even more dumb society. Looks like we are headed there. While other countries are pushing for increased school or year round school, your district is looking at decreasing time at school. There would need to be some pretty awesome options.

9. Availability/access to childcare available and programs for parents that work.
10. Boredom on the 5th day would be a real concern, kids need structure
11. Both my boys say they are hungry as soon as we get home from school. So longer days will just be tougher on their appetites.
12. Both parents work full time so finding childcare would be nearly impossible
13. Childcare
14. Childcare concern if staff work 5th day because I'm a teacher
15. Childcare for one day at Kids Safari is ridiculous. If the hours don't change for longer days that would mean more money for childcare.
16. Childcare while both ISD parents and a set of grandparents work
17. Childcare would be an issue if there isn't a 5th day program
18. Childcare!!!!!!! It's hard enough hours of 9-3 for early ed as a working mother it will be even harder for a four day work week. It will affect me being able to work. Paying childcare would be way too expensive for one day for two children.
19. Children are already burnt out by the end of a school day, extending would probably burn them out worse.
20. Children having learning disabilities will struggle through the extended hours and be more tired throughout the day. Early bedtime is already in place and we struggle getting up and being on time. Extended hours will result in less family time as my child will have to go to bed even earlier. The cost of childcare for before and after school is at an all time high of \$70 weekly, but adding on 1 full day nearly doubles the cost. I personally will have to look at different child care options rather than using Kid's Safari which is currently convenient for our family or make a decision to move outside the district.
21. Choosing the specific day off. I know what day works better for our family but what if that is not the day selected.
22. Concern for teachers will they be working 4 longer days and then also have to work the 5th day for PD, etc.?
23. Concerns are that kids have too much free time and not all students would be supervised therefore more time to run streets and get into trouble
24. Consistency
25. Cost of childcare if I choose to let him in the program, or if I have to work while he is off and I cannot afford the program to care for him, he will be home alone all day which is a safety concern as well as a psychological/social-emotional wellbeing concern.
26. Disrupted routine, source of food for other families, fewer interactions with peers and educators, long weekends negatively impacting sleep schedule and weekday motivation
27. Do not go to work
28. Do not want my middle schooler/high schooler just playing video games/sleeping all day on Friday
29. Do you not understand that Independence is made up of mostly low income families and changing this could make a mother choose between paying rent or childcare
30. Doesn't prepare them for the real world.
31. Don't want to start too early
32. Drive time and the time having to leave home and the time getting home
33. Drive time as I live 35 minutes away
34. Earlier drop off and earlier pick up works best for my schedule

35. Even with these concerns, I'm still for it!
36. Evening therapy appointments/sports
37. Extra recess, snack time, sleeping in class
38. Extracurricular calendar. How late would the soccer team be playing games. They're already getting home at 9PM or later after away games. I don't want my child up until 11 and then up early for school.
39. Extracurricular scheduling/practices
40. Extremely concerned about the burden this is going to place on me and other working single parents. I do not have childcare for a full day each week.
41. For the most part I'm indifferent to this change, however these concerns do come to mind. 1. Start Time - This already way too early for 6th graders. Can't imagine even 15 minutes earlier. This is already very hard on parents as we are getting up to drive kids to the bus stop for safety concerns due to the long distance in the dark. 2. Longer Days = less time for kids between sports events to squeeze in homework, or what may be their only opportunity for a snack or meal until getting home and finally eating dinner at 9:30 after their game. (Cycle back to earlier morning start after late nights.) 3. Athlete Transportation - Concerns for underclassmen/non-drivers getting to the school for games on non-school days in the mid to late afternoon to catch a bus. Also, will high school sports still practice on non-school days? (Same concern for transportation.) 4. Learning Struggles - I have a child with ADD. For him and others with any educational obstacles, will this be more work crammed into a class session for both instruction (trying to absorb it all) and for time to complete work? Will they feel even more overwhelmed when they already struggle to stay focused and on task? 5. Absences – While nice to think that appointments could be scheduled on the non-school day to avoid absences, from a family with many specialty appointments, that is very unlikely. We are bound to what day the specialist sees patients at which location. For a kid who can only see their doc on Thursday mornings (actual example), will he miss even more instruction while absent for this purpose? 6. MENTAL HEALTH - Truly concerned about what will happen when we take away an entire day of personal interactions and opportunities to develop meaningful relationships, and replace that with many more hours of video games and social media. (I know this is what my own children will want to, and likely end up doing, on the non-school day.) These settings are often so toxic to children and teens. Real life, face to face interactions are imperative for so many reasons. While not a problem for my family, I do especially worry for kids who lack support and affirmation in the home and only feel value from a teacher or other positively influential person at school. We could be taking away 20% of their time each week feeling like they actually have worth. In all honesty, I'd rather see something like a 4-day traditional school week with a 5th day of high school dedicated to other things that prepare them for college or adulthood in general. For example: Conflict Resolution, Social Interaction (both in person and online), Digital Footprints, Professionalism (What does an appropriately phrased and grammatically correct email to a college professor look like? I see these, it's appalling that kids graduate without this skill.) Long Term Consequences of Actions, Balancing a Bank Account, Financing a Car/Understanding Mortgages, How To Have A Conversation With Someone Who Does Not Share Your Opinion, etc. We've come so far with our Pathways, they are truly amazing! I'd love to see efforts to incorporate these things that would produce better functioning adults, than

give them a free day that will likely be filled with nothing productive or beneficial to development, maturity or decision making, Quite possibly it may very well do the opposite.

42. Four day school schedule hurts this family. Bidens inflation means i need to work more

43. Hard for working families that work 5 days a week

44. Have a special needs child. This is impossible for us as a family to afford childcare necessary for me to be able to work.

45. Having to work while child isn't in school that won't work for me

46. Honestly if ISD went to a 4day week students need year round school year. A 4 day week is horrible for the kids.

47. Horrible idea for working parents/ and structure for students

48. How do you expect a special need kid learning 4 days

49. How I will manage my 5 day work week if kids only go to school for 4 days a week

50. How will they reach the required number of days per year? I know the educational requirements won't be shortened simply because the number of days per week has lessened.

51. I agree with the 4day but in hopes they do not put more work on them..

52. I believe they will feel more pressured to get school work done with a shorter school week

53. I don't approve of a 4-day school week as there is no informational rough draft of how the district plans to schedule this

54. I don't think its beneficial for single parents who have to work who have younger children who also have to pay childcare for multiple children. The older siblings should not have to care for the younger siblings so parents could work.

55. I don't want anyone to hesitate to call out school for inclement weather because the week is already shortened. Don't risk safety because of this. I don't want you to use that day as a make-up day for all students either. If that is the day off, then it needs to be consistent so that families can plan.

56. I find no benefits in this request.

57. I have to work five days a week so it won't work for me.

58. I think it's great just as long as they don't more work piled on them..

59. I think the benefit of the 5 day school week is too important especially because as they get older, it's important for them to be used to it and understanding through routine that most jobs don't require 4 day work weeks

60. I totally disagree with the whole idea

61. I work for ISD would my pay stay the same?

62. I would have to work on the 5th day and i would have no one to watch my kids, unless early ed staff went to 4 days as well.

63. I'd like to have the district research a year-round calendar while researching this 4-day option

64. I'm retired so don't effect me with childcare as much as it would with working parents who can't get childcare because they work

65. IEP speech delay already,

66. If I chose to put them in daycare that makes more problems. More money out my pocket that I don't have and I can't just change my days and hours at school. I would definitely need to see more options.
67. If the days are longer it is difficult to do any activities in the evening.
68. Impact in social friendships for my kids.
69. Impact on learning, Longer school day, Childcare, Access to therapies
70. Impact on learning, Longer school day, Source of food, Shortened holiday breaks, I'm just concerned for the kids if they will get a longer break within the day, this is a LONG day for kids, young or older, to be sitting ALL DAY LONG! Will students have longer recesses or specials? Will they have an opportunity for a snack, provided by the school district? With after-school sports & other activities, how will students get to practice for after-school, especially in the middle & high sch
71. Impact on learning, Longer school day, Source of food, Shortened holiday breaks, Long school days makes later nights when in sports. What about teachers that have to work a second job.
72. Impact on learning, Longer school day, Source of food, Shortened holiday breaks, Lunch and breakfast already issue as kids not getting enough to eat
73. Impacting the parents hours and job
74. In certain subjects, specifically math, repetition is beneficial for mastering skills, with one less day of repetitive instruction, the negative impacts would be significant.
75. In researching there topic there seems to be minimal longitudinal studies that prove a 4 day week for students is best
76. Inability to support family
77. Inadequate practice for athletics and music impacting competitions
78. Interfere with work with parents
79. Interference with other activities (eg. voice/instrument lessons, Girl Scouts, etc.)
80. It would affect my working hours, for so my income would be affected.
81. It's hard enough with the length of the school day already. This would just make them miserable
82. It's probably better for students who are in high school not elementary school.
83. Keep school days as they are.
84. Kids just spending time playing video games or loitering around Independence and committing crimes putting more stress on police while individuals have empty homes and are at work
85. Kids need to be in school learning not having extra days off! Most of the kids nowadays can't even sign their name because they don't teach cursive in school!
86. Kids Safari costs more per full day than our previous district and has less amenities (previously breakfast was provided).
87. Lack of peer socialization and interaction with people and authority
88. Leaving minor children home alone and having to incur an unnecessary financial expense and burden due to the schools fault
89. Less supervision while I'm at work
90. Less time spent with peers
91. Like I already said I believe it is stupid. It will not teach our children anything other than they get what they want if they pout about it
92. Longer school day for elementary students

93. Longer school day, Childcare, No concerns
94. Longer school day, I have 2 special needs children. I would love to have an extra day where special help is offered but I am not sure they can tolerate a longer day. If they cannot tolerate a longer day would provision still be made for them to accomplish school and graduate
95. Longer school day, I'm extremely worried about my students starting their school day earlier, since they are already struggling with their early morning school day. I have no concerns about my students staying at school later.
96. Longer school days would prevent my daughter from keeping her current job.
97. Makes parent work availability more difficult
98. Mandatory 5 day school week.
99. Many concerns, is the school paying 900 a month for disability childcare???
100. Maybe if the District would pay teachers better then teachers would stay within the district, ISD superintendent and principals of schools is making far more money than teachers, missouri is currently ranked #30 in test scores, stop trying to create an uneducated community, start serving and teaching our children, children need to be in school 5 days a week, working parents unable to change their work schedule to accommodate a 4 day school week because the district can not provide a safe and financially beneficial environment for teachers and students,
101. Maybe sent home a homework packets or have an online course for the day they have off.
102. Me having to work around her and lose hours for not having someone to watch my kid
103. MONEY FOR CHILDCARE FOR EXTRA DAY
104. More at home studying/learning
105. Music, Band and Orchestra, those would be greatly impacted. But as stated earlier, you already have your minds made up. I think it is a stupid idea.
106. My child has adaptive issues and changes in schedule affect his ability to learn in class. It's October and we still have daily issues I cannot imagine was a special one crazy day will do to his well-being and Thea her routines
107. My child has an IEP and is adjusted to her schedule. Changing her schedule will most likely cause anxiety and frustration.
108. My child would be unable to do a longer day
109. My children struggle enough with appropriate behaviors and doing assignments. I do not like the idea of a shorter week and for them to not have the structure they need from school. We work full time and do not have anyone to supervise the children if you make this change.
110. My concern is that staff will not have improved mental health because it seems that there are plans to still have them work on the 5th day, especially reading the options listed for student activities on the day off.
111. My highschooler's grades would get worse than they already are
112. My husband and I both work full time and three of our five kids are foster kiddos. This would be make it impossible to foster additional children.
113. MY KIDS DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO EAT LUNCH AND THEN YOU WANT TO ADD ON MORE HOURS WHILE MY KIDS STARVE. HOW ABOUT YOU

FOCUS ON MAKING SURE EVERY STUDENT GETS ENOUGH TIME TO EAT LUNCH.

114. My kids enjoy being away from the house and at school. They get bored at home and miss their friends.
115. My nieces have 4 day weeks and their education is extremely lacking.
116. My older kid, who can be by himself, just sitting in front of video games and television as I'm not home and don't like him outside when I'm not there
117. My only concern would be if we had to work I'm not sure what to do with him. He would probably have to go to daycare.
118. My son can't go to childcare, because of his disability. He attends IA. No facility in independence has people for that. PLEASE Please do not change the school week!
119. My son goes to Sherwood. Will I have to pay for the 5th day a week out of pocket? That's \$165/wk!!!
120. My son struggles to catch up and learn with what days he dose having! Missing a day will unpacked this tremendously!
121. My work schedule would not allow for this change
122. Need social skills
123. Needs to be Mon- Thur
124. No adult supervision
125. No concerns, If a four day week is decided on, there absolutely needs to be all day kid safari at a discounted rate
126. No consistent schedule. Lack of desire to come back to school.
127. No guidance at home, nobody wants to sit around and worry about what The kids are doing at home without parents and already cost too much for before and after school care as it is and I don't have any extra money to keep somebody have an eye on them . Think about it kids are just skating by some kids are struggling to pass classes are hard they don't feel like they have enough time to understand it that's where it needs to be focused at some kids don't need to be at home at all unsupervised what's that gonna Dude for some of them it's gonna get him in trouble what's this really about the kids or the teachers come on we never had an issue with no teachers maybe bus drivers because of the Covid but hire more teachers pay them more they deserve it let's keep the focus and keep the kids in school where they need to be , not on the streets with all that freedom !
128. No learning time
129. No one to stay with him during that time, he is not responsible enough to stay home alone, I work from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. he has nowhere to go or anyone to take him somewhere
130. Older children not involved will have "nothing to do", FULL-TIME working parents with 8-5 hours, childcare that is offered on teacher "day off" would be part-time less educated individuals which would be more like daycare instead of early education program
131. One of my students is a SPED student who requires consistency. 3 day weekends are already very challenging for him upon returning to school because the 3 days off in a row from school he does lose his expectations.

132. Other districts will start this and it will no longer keep quality teachers. Pay your teachers more. That's what keeps teachers. You literally will do anything but pay them better.
133. Other students being off with no guidance from adults.
134. Our family doesn't have the luxury of a 4 day work week to accommodate schooling and we lack childcare for that day
135. Parental work schedule adjustment
136. Parents letting their kids roam freely throughout the city causing more problems.
137. Pay the teachers what they actually deserve and DO BETTER FOR OUR KIDS.
138. Possibility of children at home alone with no parent supervision.
139. Possible shortened socialization, not for my kids but other kids in general
140. Possible tardies in between classes due to shorter transition time and possibly lessened summer break
141. Pressure on teachers to hit grading goals which could inhibit their ability to be at their best for our kids.
142. Prioritizing more free time over education
143. Proven fact teens already have not enough sleep to grow and learn and now you want to shorten that even more?!
144. Retaining good hourly staff and bus drivers for my students they are working fewer hours
145. Schedule could be harder to work around getting child to and from school.
146. Scheduling childcare would be a nightmare. I don't feel there are enough benefits to make this worth the hardships on families and, more importantly, the consistency of educational for the students. I feel that my children are
147. She is super tired from current day at school. longer days would wipe her out. Cost for daycare and Home distractions - I own a business and have a home office, see clients, etc...
148. She struggles & should be in school during week while I'm at work Mon-Fri.
149. Short summer vacation.
150. Shortened holiday breaks, The unknown of details could make it a concern.
151. Shortened summer breaks.
152. So many parents have opted for in school learning because it is benefits the kids.
153. Source of food, Lunch would need to be improved. My kids do come home starving so knowing that the lunches offered are better or have another snack time if days are longer
154. Special Education Services
155. Special Needs students need more time to complete assignments as well as a consistent school week.
156. Start times that are too early.
157. Student burn out, conflicts with other activities

158. Substitute teachers will have less opportunities for shifts, child care for a full single day it outrageously priced, kids not going a 5th day cuts out on social interaction especially with kids already lacking Social ques from being in lock down, attention spans for longer days will not work, we already lack compared to other countries in education so we want to cut it back instead of being more aggressive towards our younger development In the country
159. Taking away a learning day will not be a good thing for our kids or their future
160. Teachers already run out of time for lessons consistently- how will they cover everything with even less time?
161. Teenagers with too much time on their hands.
162. The 5 day school week is always the best option for students and families.
163. The burn out it will cause for staff since they will not have additional time, resources, or staff to support them. The families who all worked hard to find a regular 5 day work week schedule that will now have to find additional childcare and afford the costs.
164. The cost of additional care. We cannot afford to pay for all day kids safari. I hope the 5th day educational opportunity would come at no cost. If our children end up staying at home with us, we will have to work at the same time, leaving them with few options to fill the day. I am also concerned that the day off would be Monday. This is particularly frustrating because I am required to be in the office that day. Fridays off would allow us to take occasional family trips.
165. The impact of another schedule change so soon after dealing with COVID rules and schedules. The consistency isn't there and switching this up again would destroy their sense of security and schedule
166. The potential increase in homework on the fifth day as well as being able to get my child to school for additional opportunities like sports practices, rehearsals, etc. We would not be able to transport on the fifth day for these functions. Also, with the longer school day, the practices, games, etc would infringe on family time at home.
167. The problem it causes for those who play sports and extracurriculars
168. The school day will be a bit longer but the amount of time added to each day will not be equal to the learning time lost on the fifth day. Also, as an adult adding hours to your shifts impacts your mental and physical health. I do not want to pass that on to my children.
169. The students need to be in school five days a week
170. There are no benefits for the children and families, just for teachers.
171. There is no benefit
172. THEY NEED A FIVE DAY SCHOOL WEEK
173. This format would not benefit our family.
174. this is a terrible idea meant to justify lower pay for teachers and staff and hurts the quality of education
175. This is dumb
176. This is just a ploy by republicans to destroy our public school system in order to divert federal funds to religious charter schools and should be stopped. OUR KIDS DESERVE BETTER
177. THIS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

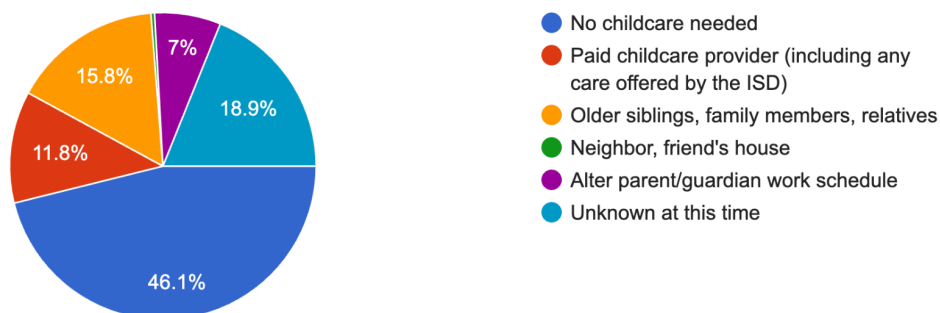
178. This is not a good thing! Oh
179. This is the most stupid idea that the district have come wift if this happened we are going to move our children somewhere else where they actually care about their learning process
180. This sounds like a great program for high school ONLY. Otherwise it would present more of a hardship for families. Please don't do this.
181. This will NOT WORK FOR ME OR MY KIDS! My one day alone a week is taken from me and given to my children. I won't be able to pick up a shift or go to my own Dr appts by myself.
182. Tiempo con ellos
183. Too long of a weekend break, it's hard to get back into the routine after a three day break every weekend
184. Too many kids will be at home idle. They lose from reinforcement of learning. Parents have to work 5 days a week. Changing to a 4day week benefits the school administration and the bottom \$\$\$ line. It does not benefit the kids. You should be thinking about all year round school not cutting more time out of their education. Some kids thrive at being on campus interacting with others and fail when they are not face to face. Still others need to learn who to behave in society. What happens when these kids go to college or the work force? 4 days a week sets too many kids up for failure long term.
185. Too much time at her mother's
186. Transportation challenges. Impact on sleeping schedule. Impact with family time, less time with longer days. Adding additional costs for daycare or participating in other activities to fill the day. Impact with having an unproductive day, if left at home. Students missing time with friends.
187. Transportation for the kiddos that are private placed. And, it's a safety issue for the community to know when these kids are going to be home and their parents working. Not every kid at any grade level is meant to be home alone. Everyone doesn't just have the help of family and friends.
188. Two working parents who do not need the extra cost of childcare, children will be unsupervised employers unable to accommodate work schedules to the students schedule if 4 days a week is incorporated
189. Unsupervised neighborhood kids distracting our children and the day becoming a nonproductive day
190. We already barely get any family time with school and extra curriculars
191. We already have more instructional time that most districts in Missouri, I think we need to calm down on pushing students and their attendance so much or give more breaks from school.
192. We are a working family, that works 5 days a week. This would be very impactful on us and cause extra financial burden to locate a sitter for this time off of school.
193. We are very privileged; I am concerned for our friends and neighbors that do not have flexible jobs with benefits; the schools our kids attend have over 90% free & reduced lunch; I also hope this survey was sent in Spanish.
194. We don't want our holidays shortened

195. We foster teens, many of whom are too old for childcare but cannot be left alone
196. Week would not match parent's work week.
197. What parents would do who can only work while their child is in school
198. What the last day of school would be
199. Will give her more time to learn how working is, as long as her grades stay on track.
200. Will impact other after school activities not affiliated with ISD
201. Without the fifth day are my kids just going to sit in kids safari? The program is expensive and the employees are not well rounded to take care of the children longer than an hour.
202. Working parents and lack of time for after school sports
203. Would like to know more about what this would mean for the 4 days. Longer school days would not be good
204. Would this make the other 4 school days longer? There is no info on whether the time on school would change. I would love the kids to go only 4 days, but not if it makes those 4 days longer. The day is already long enough for my 6-year-old.
205. You never wanted my opinion, this is lip service.
206. You're not stating in the survey what the day off would be as someone who has to work a weekend schedule, she would just be sitting at home by yourself if the day off is Friday is probably looking at videos online I'd rather her be in school know if your day off is going to be a Monday Tuesday or Wednesday that might be OK but I would imagine most parents would not want their kids sitting at home while they're at work. Aren't my tax pain dollars paying for the kid to go to school five days a week?

Question 5:

What childcare method would your family most likely use on the fifth day when school was not in session? Select one.

3,139 responses



Note: 12 survey participants selected "Neighbor, friend's house" which equals 0.4% of answers received (The section is too small to see well in the pie chart.)