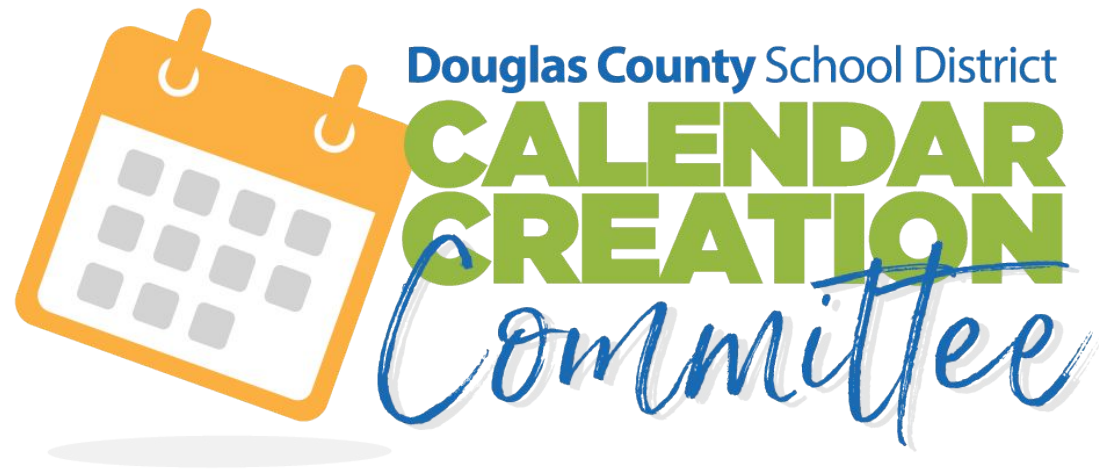




2023-24 & 2024-25 Calendar Recommendations



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Colorado Statute & Board Policies

Colorado Revised Statute: [§22-32-109](#). Board of education - specific duties.

(B) Prior to the beginning of the school year, each district shall provide for the adoption of a district calendar which is applicable to all schools within the district or shall provide for the adoption of a school calendar for each individual school within the district. The district calendar or individual school calendars may be adopted by the board of education, the district administration, the school administration, or any combination thereof. A copy of the calendar shall be provided to the parents or guardians of all children enrolled in schools within the district. Such calendar shall include the dates for all staff in-service programs scheduled for the school year. The board, district administration, or school administration shall allow for public input from parents and teachers prior to scheduling the dates for staff in-service programs. Any change in the calendar, excluding changes resulting from emergency closings or other unforeseen circumstances, shall be preceded by adequate and timely notice from the board, district administration, or school administration of not less than thirty days.

DCSD BOE Policy: - [IC/ICA](#) - Board of Education approval not later than November 1 of each year.

The school district calendar for the subsequent school year shall be prepared by the Superintendent and presented for Board of Education approval not later than November 1 of each year. The number of days of planned teacher-student instruction and of teacher-student contact shall meet or exceed the requirements of state law and shall include a sufficient number of days to allow the Superintendent flexibility in preparing a calendar that supports the district's educational objectives, including how best to address the needs of all students to enable them to meet or exceed state and district content standards. Insofar as possible, these calendars shall meet the desires of the community and staff.

Committee Goal

To create multiple options of a conventional calendar for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. To solicit feedback from stakeholders and present findings to the District Accountability and Board of Education for a final decision on one conventional calendar for all neighborhood elementary, middle and high schools to follow.

Calendar Creation Process & Timeline

January 14 - 30, 2022 - Surveyed Stakeholders on features (Breaks, Begin and End Dates)

- **11,747** Respondents with an 87% Completion Rate
- Key Takeaways:
 - August Start around the 10th
 - Prefer full weeks at Fall break and Thanksgiving
 - Semester end before Winter Break
 - End before Memorial Day

February 2022 - Reviewed & determined Calendar Features/Timelines

March - May 2022 - Created calendar options

- 48 Options(24 for the 23-24 school year & 24 for the 24-25 school year)
 - Focused on Start Dates (first third of August, second third of August, last part of August, and after Labor Day.
 - Looked at different break options (1 week Fall & Thanksgiving, 1 week Fall & 3 day Thanksgiving, 3 day Fall & 1 week Thanksgiving, 3 day Fall and 3 day Thanksgiving, No Fall and 1 week Thanksgiving, and No Fall and 3-Day Thanksgiving)

Calendar Creation Process & Timeline

August 2022 - Collected feedback on the 48 calendar options from PTOs, SACs, & BLTs

- PTO top preference:
 - For 23-24 - Second third start with 1 week of Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks
 - For 24-25 - Second third start with 1 week of Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks
- SAC top preference:
 - For 23-24 - First third start with 1 week of Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks
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- BLT top preference:
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 - For 23-24 - Second third start with 1 week of Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks
 - For 24-25 - Second third start with 1 week of Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks

Calendar Creation Process & Timeline

September 2022

- 9/7/2022 - Reviewed feedback and narrowed the options from 24 to 4 per calendar year.
- 9/8-9/2022 - Created support resources and [website](#)
- 9/9-19/2022 - surveyed stakeholders for feedback on the 4 options per year
- 9/19/2022 - Gathered feedback from the Student Advisory Group
 - For the 2023-24 school year preference was Calendar B
 - For the 2024-25 school year preference was Calendar A
 - Did not like ending a semester in January.
- 9/21/2022 - Used feedback from all stakeholders and narrowed the options down to the recommendation.
- 9/22/2022 - Present recommendation to the DAC
- 9/27/2022 - Present recommendation to the BOE

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- Develop a calendar that does not impact testing dates
- Attempt to focus breaks around quarters (PD days, work days, etc)
- Attempt to place teacher and new teacher days prior to a weekend
- Consider changing the Nov. PD day to a different day if the election is mail-in ballot only
- Rearrange PD days to have one in April
- End the first semester prior to Winter Break
- Balance number of instructional days in each semester
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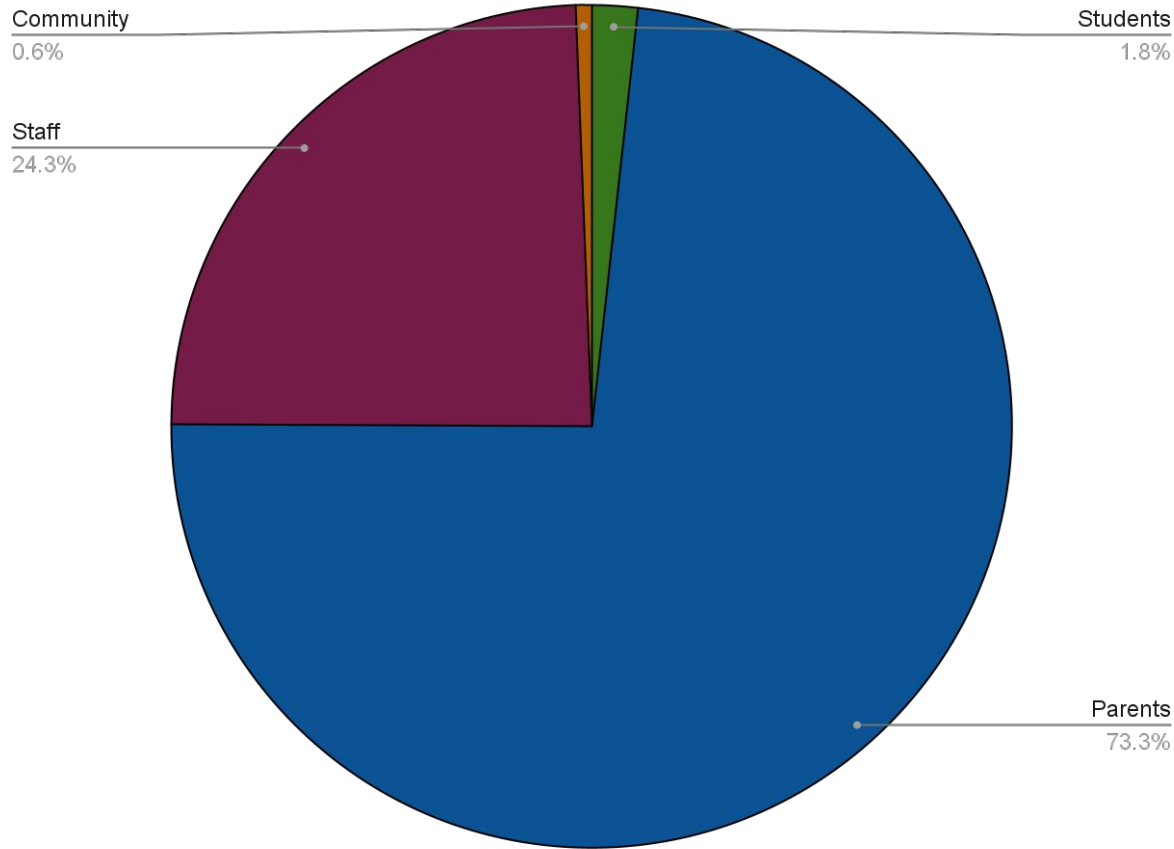
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Summary of Survey Results

% of Respondents by Subgroup:



	# of Responses	% of Response
Students:	249	1.77%
Parents:	10,298	73.31%
DCSD Staff:	3,415	24.31%
Community:	86	0.61%

14,048 Respondents with a 65% Completion Rate

Results for the 2023-2024 Calendar

How was the weighted score calculated?

- Top choice received 5 pts
- Second choice received 3 pts
- Third choice received 2 pts
- Last choice received 1 pt

Each calendar's points are totaled and then averaged.

Weighted Average	Popularity
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Second: Calendar C (2.94)	Second: Calendar C (27.01%)
Third: Calendar B (2.72)	Third: Calendar D (19.88%)
Last: Calendar D (2.39)	Last: Calendar B (17.38%)

Results by Subgroups for the 2023-2024 Calendar

	Students		Parents		Staff		Community	
	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity
Top	A (3.16)	A (38.99%)	C (3.00)	A (32.41%)	A (3.39)	A (45.57%)	C (3.29)	C (38.71%)
Second	B (2.96)	C (27.04%)	A (2.84)	C (28.47%)	B (2.73)	C (21.69%)	D (2.68)	A (29.03%)
Third	C (2.85)	B (23.27%)	B (2.70)	D (21.25%)	C (2.72)	D (15.93%)	A (2.61)	D (22.58%)
Last	D (2.03)	D (10.69%)	D (2.46)	B (17.86%)	D (2.16)	B (14.81%)	B (2.42)	B (9.68%)

Results for the 2024-2025 Calendar

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- Top choice received 5 pts
- Second choice received 3 pts
- Third choice received 2 pts
- Last choice received 1 pt

Each calendar's points are totaled and then averaged.

Weighted Average	Popularity
Top: Calendar A (2.96)	Top: Calendar A (36.50%)
Second: Calendar C (2.89)	Second: Calendar C (25.06%)
Third: Calendar B (2.79)	Third: Calendar D (20.42%)
Last: Calendar D (2.37)	Last: Calendar B (18.02%)

Results by Subgroups for the 2024-2025 Calendar

	Students		Parents		Staff		Community	
	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity	Weighted	Popularity
Top	A (3.22)	A (54.90%)	C (2.95)	A (33.15%)	A (3.39)	A (48.08%)	C (3.17)	C (34.48%)
Second	B (2.95)	C (26.45%)	A (2.83)	C (26.40%)	B (2.81)	C (20.35%)	D (2.69)	A (31.03%)
Third	C (2.82)	B (19.35%)	B (2.78)	D (21.88%)	C (2.68)	D (16.04%)	A (2.66)	D (24.14%)
Last	D (2.01)	D (10.32%)	D (2.44)	B (18.57%)	D (2.13)	B (15.53%)	B (2.48)	B (10.34%)

Calendar Committee Recommendations:

For the 2023-24 DCSD Conventional Calendar, the Calendar Committee is recommending that **Calendar Option A** be presented to the Board of Education for adoption.

For the 2024-25 DCSD Conventional Calendar, the Calendar Committee is recommending that **Calendar Option A** be presented to the Board of Education for adoption.

Questions

