THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT #400
CALENDAR SURVEY RESULTS
FEBRUARY 2023

AGGREGATE DATA

Please indicate your primary connection to Thorp School District.
95 responses

- Parent of Current Student: 61.1%
- Student: 24.2%
- Parent of Former Student: 9.5%
- Staff Member: 1.1%
- Community Member: 2.5%

If you are a current parent or student, please indicate grade level(s). Choose all that apply.
70 responses

- Preschool: 5 (7.1%)
- TK - 2nd: 41 (58.6%)
- 3rd - 5th: 24 (34.3%)
- 6th - 8th: 21 (30%)
- 9th - 12th: 19 (27.1%)

We currently begin our school year after Labor Day weekend. Please select the statement that you agree with most.
95 responses

- I would prefer to have the first day of school occur before Labor Day. I understand that this could mean less school days in June: 66.3%
- I would prefer to have the first day of school occur after Labor Day. I understand that this may mean that there are more days of school in June: 28.4%
- I do not have a strong opinion on when the first day of school occurs: 1.1%
Our last day of school typically falls in mid-June. Please select the statement that you agree with most.
95 responses

This year we had two weeks for Winter Break. Please select the statement that you agree with most.
95 responses

As a small community, many of our families work in Ellensburg and/or rely on childcare in Ellensburg. How important is it to you to align our calendar with Ellensburg School District’s calendar?
95 responses
Thorp participates in a sports combine with Kittitas School District. How important is it to you to align our calendar with Kittitas School District’s calendar?

95 responses

In general, how happy are you with the current Thorp School District instructional calendar?

95 responses

Which option for school calendars do you feel would best meet the educational needs of our students, families, and community?

95 responses
Balanced Calendar - Extended School Year

A type of modified school calendar includes multiple longer breaks from school during the year but has a shorter summer break. Students still attend 180 days, starting in late August, and ending in late June.

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95 responses
If an Extended School Year calendar is adopted for the 2023-2024 school year, I would struggle with childcare.
95 responses

If an Extended School Year calendar is adopted for the 2023-2024 school year, I would consider moving my child out of the district.
95 responses
Balanced Calendar - 4-Day School Week

A type of modified school calendar that requires a waiver from the state, is the 4-day week. Students attend school Monday - Thursday. The school day is extended an additional 50 minutes.

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95 responses
If a 4-Day School Week calendar is adopted for the 2022-2023 school year, I would struggle with childcare.
95 responses

- Yes: 13.7%
- No: 36.8%
- Not applicable: 49.5%

If a 4-Day School Week calendar is adopted for the 2023-2024 school year, I would consider moving my child out of the district.
95 responses

- Yes: 15.8%
- No: 31.6%
- Not applicable: 52.6%
DISAGREGATED DATA BY RESPONDER TYPE

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STUDENTS - 9 Responses: 8 in High School, 1 in Middle School

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- I do not have a strong opinion on when the first day of school occurs.
Our last day of school typically falls in mid-June. Please select the statement that you agree with most.

- I prefer to have last day of school to occur in mid-June so that we could potentially offer longer breaks.
- I do not have a strong opinion regarding the last day of school.
- I prefer to have the school year end as early as possible in June, even if it means shorter breaks.

This year we had two weeks for Winter Break. Please select the statement that you agree with most.

- I do not have a strong opinion on this topic.
- I prefer a two week long winter break knowing that extends the year into mid-June.
- I prefer a week and a half long winter break to end the school year sooner.
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Balanced Calendar - Extended School Year

Balanced Calendar - 4-Day School Week

PARENTS - 58 Responses

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In general, how happy are you with the current Thorp School District instructional calendar?
Balanced Calendar - Extended School Year

Balanced Calendar - 4-Day School Week

If an Extended School Year calendar is adopted, I would struggle with childcare.

If a 4-Day School Week is adopted, I would struggle with childcare.

If an Extended School Year calendar is adopted, I would consider moving my child.

If a 4-Day School Week is adopted, I would consider moving my child out of the district.
Please share any additional feedback:

None

Nothing else to say.

I like the current calendar and am also in favor of the 4-day calendar. Not at all interested in the extended calendar. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

4 day school week would work well with my family. I think it would cut back on student and staff absences.

I would vote with 4 day week WITH extended. 3 days off would help kids with the needed time off to play and rest. Extended schedule would be favorable because I feel kids wouldn't need as much of a refresher in the fall. It also spreads any child care costs for parents throughout the year instead of all in the summer.

Thanks!

If a four day a week calendar is Implemented I would like to know what the school districts plan is for children who do sports at Kittitas? These kids already have to leave school early as it is so it appears they would need to leave an additional 20 minutes earlier which would really be unfortunate. Also how is transportation going to be affected for those students on Fridays for instance? I'm assuming parents would be responsible for that?

We already have a shortened Friday for students. I know as a parent we are inclined to keep our kids out of school on Fridays if we have a trip planned or other things going. I would like to see those hours rolled into the other days of the week. Also, we are a farming community. Any and all help from the kids is more beneficial than sitting in a classroom on a short Friday trying to find time appropriate things to do. Regardless, you guys are doing amazing and thank you!

We are a small district out of many districts in the county. If we are the only district adopting this calendar, I anticipate many scheduling issues (work/childcare/sports/community events). If Kittitas adopted the calendar with us I could maybe see a chance of it working smoothly. Otherwise I'm not terribly interested.

I'm also not convinced that teachers will be supported with this change. Their contracts would need to be renegotiated. In fact, this sort of calendar change would need to be negotiated prior to even considering adoption.

keep the current calendar

It made me choose a calendar option but honestly any of them would work for me.

I'd be open to year round school with longer breaks and shorter summer break. Love the idea of a 4 day week but personally, for us, it creates a childcare challenge with our current work schedules but we could adjust to accommodate

4-day school year option would be awesome, 3-day weekends for outdoor activities.

Combining 4 day weeks and extended year schedule simultaneously would be great too.

I enjoy the current Thorp School District Calendar, but if there would be a change to the calendar I would rather have the Extended School Year.
The calendar going with CWU calendar for breaks makes it easier for a parent to continue with college, or start going. All the other options stops that from happening. It's one of the factors I like most about this valley.

I'm a stay at home Mom currently so this doesn't affect us as much as it would most people. I did a modified school schedule as a kid and liked it well enough but my mom worked for the district so it didn't affect our family in terms of childcare needs. But it was nice to have more breaks. :)

Unaddressed in Survey:
Running Start Students (CWU classes begin Sept. 26th, 2023)-
Summer employment for older students (and teachers and staff), Kittitas County is a resort community with summer being the busiest season for employment-
Siblings in neighboring districts with traditional calendar-
FFA/FH/Farm families, which outnumber students commuting to Kittitas for sports-
Childcare issues in all of Kittitas County (especially Upper), having compiled a survey for Ellensburg DCYF, Kittitas County has historically been deficient in childcare options-
Families that avail themselves of sports/academic summer camps-
Students that would struggle with a longer school day (to include those with special needs)-
Families that would appreciate more notice of an adopted Balanced Calendar (such as beginning it during the 2024-2025 school year)-
The survey is not inclusive of the demographics of students attending Thorp (including the bus full of Upper County students, of which no questions were asked).

if we went with an extended school year it would affect my summer jobs and i would like to start working sooner and get out sooner without having to sacrifice too much.

I am very concerned that the school calendar aligns with Central's calendar as much a possible regarding winter, spring and summer breaks.