

Four-Day School Week *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)*

1. Why is the Buhl School District considering a 4-day school week?

- A. Stakeholders including parents, teachers, students, and community members have expressed interest.
- B. Increase teacher retention and recruitment

2. What benefits are associated with a 4-day school week?

- a. Teacher recruitment and retention
- b. More satisfaction reported by teachers and students
- c. Opportunities for more professional development for staff
- d. Reduces absenteeism for students and staff
- e. Teachers have more flexibility for teaching/learning in a longer school day
- f. Potential cost savings (if desired)
- g. Possible “Off Day” programs – activities/tutoring (in school or enrichment opportunities sponsored by school or parent groups)
- h. Supervision at home (some kids get home closer to the time their parents get home)
- i. More Family Time
- j. Opportunity to tend to other appointments during the week
- k. School closures – easy to make up missed days on 5th day

3. What are the disadvantages of a 4-day school week?

- a. Longer school day
- b. Extending a day is not the same as having a fifth day (productivity and curriculum)
- c. Potentially fewer educational contact hours with students
- d. Student achievement may not grow as fast as it would on a 5-day week
- e. Students on IEP may experience greater negative impact
- f. Some staff members could see a decrease in pay/benefits
- g. Disadvantaged students – may experience greater negative impact
- h. Unsupervised students may experience increased negative behaviors in the community during their day off
- i. Impact to after school educational programming

4. How would a 4-day school week impact the length of a school day or a school year?

- A. The State of Idaho requires students to receive a minimum number of instructional hours each year. The number of hours varies depending on grade. The length of the

school day may be increased, or the length of the school year increased, or both in order to reach the State and District requirements.

5. What are the State requirements for instructional hours for each grade?

Grade	Minimum State Required Instructional Hours	Current Buhl 5-day Schedule (includes professional development hours allowed by State)
Kindergarten (half-time)	450 hrs	984 hrs (all day)
Grades 1-3	810 hrs	1037.75 hrs
Grades 4-5	900 hrs	1080.5 hrs
Grades 6-8	900	1128.95 hrs
Grades 9-11	990 hrs	1137.5 hrs
Grade 12	979 hrs	1111.5 hrs
Wakapa	900 hrs	997.4 hrs

6. Why do students in Buhl currently attend school for more hours than the minimum hours required by the State of Idaho.

A. The school calendar implemented in the Buhl School District reflects values that are intended to prioritize direct instructional learning time, or class time, for students.

7. Will a 4-day school week affect my child's learning?

A. Some research studies report conflicting reports. Some studies suggest there is little to no impact on student learning in the short-term. Other studies suggest there is some impact on student learning. It is advised that patrons do their own research.

8. Do you foresee any issues with a longer school day and its impact on younger students?

A. Perhaps. The existing school day may already be a challenge for some students. Most, however, make adjustments over time.

9. What four days would my child attend school?

- A. It would depend on the calendar that would be adopted by the Board of Trustees. Students may be scheduled to attend Monday-Thursday, or may be scheduled to attend Tuesday through Friday. Patron input would be accepted.

10. What time would school begin and what time would it end each day?

- A. Again, that would depend on the calendar that would be adopted, and dependent upon the length of the school year. School could start anywhere from 15 minutes to 30 minutes earlier each day, and end anywhere between 15 to 45 minutes later at each school each day.

11. How would the 4-day schedule impact busing?

- A. That depends on school start and end times. Most buses would likely run earlier each morning and later each afternoon.

12. What would a 4-day school week mean for parents who work 5 days during the week and who may need daycare for their child on the non-school day?

- A. Parents would need to make arrangements for their children who need daycare supervision, just like they currently need to do for their children on non-school days.

13. What would be the impact on extra-curricular activities and school sports?

- A. Although there would be little to no anticipated impact on student competitions (games) and performances, practice times would begin later in the afternoons (due to a later release time at the end of the day). Morning practice times would be impacted by an earlier start of the school day time as well.

14. Would students experience more homework during a 4-day school week?

- A. More homework would not be anticipated.

15. What could be the impact of a 4-day school week for school district staff?

- A. Staff contract times would begin earlier and go later in the day (longer work day) for most staff. Staff would be required to work some 5-day weeks each month as well. Although some staff may maintain a traditional 5-day work week, others, depending on their position, may work fewer days and fewer hours.

16. How will a 4-day school week benefit the average or below average student who already struggles to complete school work? How will it help my child be a better reader?

- A. Learning rates and student needs vary from student to student. Parents will need to evaluate their own child's circumstances in order to arrive at a conclusion.

17. How will teachers modify lesson plans?

- A. Adding a few minutes of student contact time each day or each class period is not the same as maintaining an extra day of instructional time for most courses. In most cases, teachers would need to be even more intentional and selective with their instruction.

18. How would a 4-day school week impact student “sick days”?

- A. By State code students are required to be in attendance at school a minimum of 90 percent of the time. That requirement would not change.

19. How would a 4-day week impact service times for students on an Individual Education Plan (IEP)?

- A. Service times and requirements are outlined in a child’s IEP. Although some IEP’s may be adjusted in order to reflect a 4-day school week, agreed upon services, as identified in an IEP, would still need to be provided.

2022-2023 School Calendar

Buhl Joint School District No. 412

920 Main Street
(208) 543-6436
Buhl, ID 83316

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Parent / Teacher Conferences

Oct 19	PES/BMS/BHS	4pm-8pm
Oct 20	PES/BMS/BHS	4pm-8pm
Mar 15	PES/BMS	4pm-8pm
Mar 16	PES/BMS	4pm-8pm
Apr 12	BHS	4pm-8pm
Apr 13	BHS/WA	4pm-8pm

School Closed
 Early Release

Aug 1-2,8	Student Registration
Aug 9-12	Professional Development (PD) Days
Aug 15	First Day of School for Students
Aug 15	Elementary Open House 8am - 6pm
Aug 31, Sep 1-2	No School
Sep 5	Labor Day
Sep 15	Wakapa Parent/Teacher Conference
Sep 30	PD - No School for Students
Oct 14	End 1st Qtr
Oct 19,20,21	PES/BMS/BHS Parent/Teacher Conference
Oct 21	No School for students
Oct 28	PD - No School for Students
Nov 17	Wakapa Parent/Teacher Conference
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec 16	End 2nd Qtr/1st Sem
Dec 19-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 6	PD - No School for Students
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Feb 2	Wakapa Parent/Teacher Conference
Feb 10	PD - No School for Students
Feb 20	President's Day
Mar 10	PD - End 3rd Qtr - No School for Students
Mar 15,16,17	PES/BMS Parent/Teacher Conference
Mar 17	No School for Students
Mar 20-24	Spring Break
Apr 12,13	BHS Parent/Teacher Conference
Apr 13	Wakapa Parent/Teacher Conference
Apr 14	No School
May 24	Wakapa Academy Graduation
May 25	Buhl High School Graduation
May 25	End 4th Qtr/2nd Sem / Last Day for Students
May 26	Professional Development - No Students

Registration

Aug 1 Elementary	12:00-6:00
Aug 2 Elementary	9:00-2:00

Aug 1 Middle School	9:00-1:00 5:00-7:00
Aug 2 Middle School	9:00-12:00

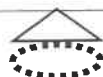
Aug 1 High School	9:00-12:00 (Seniors) 1:00-4:00 (Juniors)
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Aug 2 High School	9:00-12:00 (Sophomores) 1:00-4:00 (Freshmen)
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Aug 8 Wakapa	9:00-3:00
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Professional Development (PD)

Aug 9 - 12	Jan 6
Sep 30	Feb 10
Oct 28	Mar 10
	May 26



Parent Teacher Conferences
First & Last Day of School



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Total Days

Teachers	183
Students	171
School Improvement Full Days	10

Professional Development/School Improvement Days

Kimberly School District #414

2022-2023 School Year

Early out
on Fridays

July '22						
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Elementary Conferences

Teacher In-Service

School Closed/Holidays

First/Last Day of School - Students

Early Release Days

Parent/Teacher Conf. Exchange Days

Teacher Work/Training Days

Secondary Conferences

T= 185 H= 5 Ttl= 190 S= 172

Graduation - May 25, 2022

2022-2023 Calendar

Castleford Schools District #417
2022-2023 Academic Calendar

Monday off

August						
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Important Dates		
Start	End	Description
22-Nov	25-Nov	Thanksgiving Break
20-Dec	30-Dec	Winter Break
21-Mar	24-Mar	Spring Break

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Fixed Dates	
Date	Description
11-Aug	School starts
25-May	Last day of school, Early Release, Graduation

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Year Break Down	
Section	Days
Q1	37
Q2	36
Q3	35
Q4	34.5
Inservice Day	5+2 trade option
Work Days	4
Student Days	142.5
Teacher Days	154.5

March						
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Key	
Color	Description
	Normal School Days
	School Breaks/ No school
	Work Days/ no school for students
	Quarter end dates
	School Start and End dates
	No School for Students/Inservice day
	No School
	Inservice/trade day
	Student led conferences

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School Information:
 Student hours: 1019.5
 Teacher hours: 1313.25
 Start Time: 8:00am
 End Time: 3:48pm
 Seat time minutes: 420 min/per day
 Teacher contract time: 510 min/per day

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Gooding Jt. School District 2022-2023

Friday off

- 144 Student Days
- 14 PD/Work Days
- 2 Credit for PTC
- 1 Flex Day
- 5 Paid Holidays

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- 2 New Year Observed No School
- 3 School Resumes
- 13 Teacher PD/Work

- 8-11 Teacher PD/Work
- 22 First Day Grades 6-12
- 23 First Day Grades K-5

AUGUST '22						
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- 10 Teacher PD/Work Day
- 20 No School President's Day

- 5 Labor Day-No School
- 9 Teacher PD/Work
- 23 Teacher PD/Work

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- 9 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10 Teacher Work Day
- 15-16 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 Release
- 20-24 Spring Break

- 13 End of 1st Quarter
- 14 Teacher Work Day
- 19-20 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30 Release

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- 14 Teacher PD/Work Day

- 4 Teacher PD/Work
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER '22						
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- 12 PD/Work Day
- 23 GHS Graduation
- 25 Last Day of School 1:30 Release
- 26 Teacher Work Day

- 21 End of First Semester 1:30 Release Grades Due
- Dec 22- Christmas Break

DECEMBER '22						
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