



4-Day Student School Week Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Pateros considering a 4-day school week?

This year legislators passed HB 2381 which allows for a flexible calendar, which results in a possible 4-day school week as opposed to a 5-day school week.

How will Pateros decide if we are going to implement a 4-day school week?

In this competitive process, only 30 schools' applications would be accepted. Pateros will collaborate with students, families, staff and community. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to share their opinions. If there is overall support, it will be presented to the school board for consideration at the April 29th board meeting. The board's recommendation will determine whether or not we submit an application for consideration by the state.

How can I give my feedback?

There will be online surveys available via the school website, ParentSquare, the Pateros Facebook page, or come into the district office for any additional questions or concerns.

When would this 4-day calendar begin?

Potentially, Fall of 2024.

How will the instructional hours of the 4-day school week compare to what the state requires?

We will continue to exceed the required seat time. The state requires 1,027 hours; with our 4-day schedule, Pateros would have 1,048 hours.

How will families who work find childcare, especially affordable childcare?

- Older students might be available for babysitting
- The Brewster Boys and Girls Club offers childcare for \$10 per day/ student (a bus can be provided for transportation)
- State Assistance for Childcare for those eligible

How will this improve things for Pateros School District

- Improved absenteeism from both students and staff
- Less teacher burnout- more time for creating differentiated and engaging lessons; more teacher retention; attracts more applicants for a hearty hire pool to choose from
- Increased student and staff morale
- Students/families and staff alike will be able to make their appointments on the proposed day off so to increasing overall daily attendance

How many half days will there be in a school year?

All of our current half-days used for professional development will be eliminated.



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Will there be transportation to a childcare facility available on the selected day off?

Yes, a bus route will be provided by the district to licensed daycare providers in Pateros and the Brewster Boys and Girls Club.

Will there be food available to students on the selected day off?

A sack breakfast/lunch will be provided to students the day before the proposed day off.

Does the 4-day week add a lot more time to the school day?

Each class period will be 5 minutes longer and there will be one 5 minute brain break added towards the end of the day. This adds a total of 40 minutes to each day.

How will teachers fit all the curriculum into 4 days?

Teachers will modify their curriculum to fit within the instructional minutes. Pateros will be exceeding instructional seat time required by the state.

Will school start at a different time?

The school day would start at 7:50 AM and end at 3:30 PM each day.

Won't this longer day be too much for the Elementary kids?

Elementary students will be given more content but provided with brain breaks and movement activities throughout the day.

How will this impact the school's financial situation?

The 4-day week has the potential to improve our enrollment, thus increasing state funding to the school. The district will save some money from not needing as many substitutes since teachers will be highly encouraged to make their appointments coincide with the day off from school.

Will teachers' work hours change?

Hours will change to 7:20-4:00 each day. They will also be expected to come to a mandatory PD day once per month on the proposed day.

How will this affect the school sports?

- More sporting events can be organized on the proposed day
- Will explore different venues for sports practices; to be considered if approved
- AD will schedule longer sports trips around the proposed day off so students will miss less school and be well rested



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Which day of the week will be eliminated?

The survey will help us determine which day of the week is more appropriate for the Pateros community. This survey can be found at our website, www.pateros.org.

Won't it be difficult for students to focus for longer amounts of time?

We will be adding 5 extra minutes to an existing afternoon passing period. Each class period will only be extended by 5 minutes.

Will this make the school year longer?

Please see the attached proposed 4-day academic calendar. Start and end dates are very similar to the 5-day academic calendar.

What are some other pros of moving to a 4-day week?

- Allows for more time for families to spend together
- Family vacations can be planned around these times
- Teachers will be more available during these 4 day weeks, meaning more consistency for student learning, less of a need for substitutes, and increased intentional instruction during the week
- Opens up more opportunity for community event to take place on the day off (i.e. a community movie night or a literacy event)
- Can create job opportunities for high school students or community members to babysit on the proposed day off
- Trips can be planned for this day so that students aren't missing instructional time (i.e. college trips or other field trips)
- A 4-day week might encourage more enrollment at our school
- Many elementary students are already arriving at school early and remaining late with older siblings, because of parents' work schedule. The 4-day week could eliminate the need for before/after school childcare during these days

What are some of the cons of moving to a 4-day week?

- Daycare for younger students
- With lack of supervision there is an increased risk of juvenile crime
- Longer school days for all students
- Lack of transportation to sport practices and extracurricular activities
- District calendars out of sync with surrounding districts'



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Potential Ideas for Fridays:

- Coaches can do practices and other activities
- Downtown Library activities
- Potential for a non-profit agency to provide a Friday event or activity
- Depending on which day is chosen as the eliminated school day, ski trips could potentially take place on Friday instead of Saturday
- College visits/field trips
- Activities at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club



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PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025

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No School Fridays

August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
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January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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20	21	22	23	24
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Significant Dates

August 20-22.....Staff In-Service
August 27.....First Day of School (grades 1-12)
September 2.....Labor Day—No School
September 3.....First Day of TTK/K
September 20.....Staff In-Service

October 18.....Staff In-Service
November 11.....Veterans Day—No School
November 15.....Staff In-Service
November 27-28.....Thanksgiving Break—No School

December 13.....Staff In-Service
December 23-Jan 2.....Winter Break—No School
January 6.....Return to School
January 10.....Staff In-Service
January 20.....Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School

February 7.....Staff In-Service
February 17.....Presidents' Day—No School
February 26-27.....Snow Make-Up Days
March 14.....Staff In-Service
March 31-April 3.....Spring Break—No School

April 18.....Staff In-Service
May 16.....Staff In-Service
May 26.....Memorial Day—No School
June 6.....Staff In-Service
June 7.....High School Graduation
June 12.....Last Day of School

February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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April

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May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	

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Non-Student days
Non-Student/Staff In-Service days



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