

Balanced Calendar In the Oakville School District

2/13/24



Our Process. . . How did we get here. . .?

-In 2019, 2 board members attended a workshop on Balanced Calendar and became interested in exploring it as a possibility for Oakville.

-In 2021, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction offered districts the opportunity to apply for a \$75,000 planning grant, which based on the Board's direction, Oakville applied and were awarded. We have 2 years to spend the money. In 2022, we applied for \$40,000 more, which we were awarded.

-In 22-23 We had 5 community meetings and numerous staff updates

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- In the fall of 2022 we sent 7 staff to Yakima for the Balanced Calendar Summit
- Committee has continued to meet monthly to plan.
- Reached out to Toppenish, Mt. Adams, Wahluke, Highland and Winlock to do Zoom sessions
- Staff Presentation
- Committee had steps in a plan
 - Book Study -- All were Welcome to participate
 - Student Presentation
 - Regular Committee Meetings w/Staff and Community (tonight)

So we ended up with. . . [Draft -- Option 2](#)

- This calendar is similar to Option, though it doesn't have as many 3 day weekends.
- It starts basically the same week as Option 1.
- It also has 3 weeks (October, February & May) for intercession weeks.

Classified Staff Feedback. . .

“The intercession weeks messes with after school staff hours.”

“The custodians have to work around the schedule of the kids and not actually able to get deep cleaning or maintenance tasks that need to be done.”

“Credit retrieval in the high school needs more planning.”

“Staff were confused/frustrated with working more in August, but not getting paid until end of September.”

“The kids enjoyed it and learned things they would not necessarily get a chance to learn outside of school.”

Other 'stuff' that is challenging. . .

With Summer School, switching over in Skyward from one year to the next was more challenging

OSPI and ESD Trainings/support have not made the switch in supporting districts starting in early August

Principals have had to adjust their prep/planning for the year

Staff had to adjust their summer expectations (though they LOVE intersession weeks).

Intercession 1

~80 students registered

~65 were elementary school students

~10 were MS students

~5 were HS students

~Staff required:

5 Elem Teachers, 1 MS Teacher, 1 HS Teacher

5 paraeducators, 1 Cook, 1 Bus Driver, 1
Secretary, Custodial staff

5 days -- 4 days of enrichment with a
culminating field trip

Full Days

Kept bus routes similar

Learnings

Intersession Weeks will always be 4 day weeks (everyone gets a 3 day weekend at minimum that way)

Stronger planning for transitions

Communication with parents increased

Registration completed earlier (transportation, food service, paraeducators)

Complete Field trip planning before the week starts

Intersession 2 -- Next Week

~120 registered

~95 ES students

~15 MS Students

~10 HS students -- Credit Recovery

[Schedule](#)

[Staff Schedule](#)

Questions?