



Implementation Strategies

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Introduction

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The History of School and Summer Vacation, **Journal of Inquiry and Action in (2012)**

Summer versus School: The Possibilities of the Year-Round School, Rowman & Littlefield (2015)

The Future of K-12 Education as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) (2021)**

Essex County Schools of Technology, NJ

More Schools Should Offer Year-Round Schooling Option, Forbes (Aug. 2022)

“As society slides back into taking for granted that schools are open, it’s time to revisit one of our core assumptions: that school closes during the summer.”

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelhorn/2022/08/05/more-schools-should-offer-year-round-schooling-option/?sh=6d340f74f3cd>

What other occupations have a two month hiatus?

Professional athletes?

Seasonal professions?

What is there a need for such a long break?

How does it impact struggling students or English Language Learners?

Of the top 14 jobs with where you get the summers off, 12 are in education

The following list from Indeed can help you build a career while keeping your summers free of work:

<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/jobs-with-summer-off>

1. Ski instructor
2. Bus driver
3. Pilot
4. Snowplow operator
5. School teacher
6. School nurse
7. Wedding planner
8. Guidance counselor
9. Librarian
10. Professor
11. School psychologist
12. Consultant
13. Speech-language pathologist
14. Principal

Stages

Pre-planning

Implementing the Team

Planning

Implementing Steps

Evaluation

Pre-Planning

What you need to do first

Identifying purpose

Is this for Overcrowding?

Is this for Learning Loss?

Is this for Supplemental Instructional Time?

Is this for Increased Days?

Pre-Planning

Digging deeper...

If this is for Overcrowding,

How many students are you looking to address?

How will you address transportation?

How will you address athletics and extra-curricular?

If this for Learning Loss,

What subjects are you looking to address?

What subsets of students?

What grades?

If this is for Supplemental Instructional Time,

Is it contractual?

Is it for specific subjects?

If this for Increased Days,

How many?

Where are they placed?

Do they interfere with existing events?

Implementing the Team

Identifying stakeholders

Students

Teachers

Parents

Community Members

Identifying the Team Players

Scheduler

Teachers

Administrators

Planning

Identifying important dates

Local events

Religious observances

Testing

Planning

Anticipating initial concerns

Sending out a questionnaire

Planning - Analyzing Calendars

Single Track Year Round Education

Single track year round education is an alternative academic calendar that was designed

specifically to reduce summer learning loss and increase student achievement. Students still have the same number of days of vacation as a

traditional school calendar, but, the argument goes, would not forget what they learned during

the school year because the break would not be as long.

Multi-Track Year Round Education

Multi-track year round education is structured to allow the school building to be utilized by students throughout the year but not all students follow the same calendar.

Students go to school at different times of the day or alternating breaks and weeks of instruction throughout the year. Multi-track is often used to assist schools with capacity issues. Having different tracks allows classrooms and schools to deal with overcapacity issues without building new buildings as schools can house up to twice as many students as a single track system.

Balanced Calendar



	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Track A	45	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	45	15		
Track B		45	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	45		
Track C	15	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	30	
Track D	30	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	45	15	15	

2023-2024

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Modified Year Round

July 23						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 23						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

September 23						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 23						
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November 23						
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December 23						
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January 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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April 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

May 24						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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June 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July 24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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August 24						
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Note: 240 workdays - 11/20/23, 11/21/23, 11/22/23, 1/4/24, 1/5/24, 4/5/24

Staff Development
1/2 Day Staff Development
Teacher Preparation
First/Last Day Semester
School Day
Schools Closed

Holidays:

Independence Day 7/4/23
 Labor Day 9/4/23
 Veterans Day 11/11/23
 Thanksgiving Day 11/23/23
 Christmas Day 12/25/23
 New Year's Day 1/1/24
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1/15/24
 President's Day 2/19/24
 Easter 3/31/24
 Memorial Day 5/27/24
 Juneteenth 6/19/24

Potential Weather Days/E-Learning Days:

Monday, November 20, 2023
 Tuesday, November 21, 2023
 Tuesday, February 20, 2024
 Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Early Dismissal:

Wednesday, December 20, 2023
 Thursday, May 23, 2024
 Friday, May 24, 2024

Calendars

Traditional 9-Month Calendar



45-15 Balanced Calendar



45-15 Schedules

45 learning days (starting the fourth week of July)

20-day recess or intersession (starting the second week of October)

30 learning days (starting the third week of October)

3-day Thanksgiving recess

15 learning days (starting at the end of November or beginning of December)

15-day recess or intersession (over Christmas and New Year's)

45 learning days (starting the third week of January)

15-day recess or intersession (starting the third week of March)

45 learning days (starting the second week of April)

30-day summer recess or intersession (starting the second week of June)

60-20 Schedules

60 learning days (starting the last week of September)

3-day Thanksgiving recess

20-day recess or intersession (starting the fourth week of December)

60 learning days (starting the third week of January)

20-day recess or intersession (starting the second week of April)

60 learning days (starting the first week of May)

40-day summer recess or intersession (starting the last week of July)

90-30 Schedules

90-30 Schedule

90 learning days (starting the fourth week of August)

3-day Thanksgiving recess

30-day recess or intersession (starting the third week of January)

90 days of learning (starting the fourth week of April)

35-day summer recess or intersession (starting the second week of July)

Planning

Make sure there is point person to develop a plan for the following areas:

Student with special needs

English language Learners

Athletics

Food Services

Fiscal Budget

Facilities

Vendors and Purchasing

Transportation

Security

Parents

Booster Organizations

Community events

Student Government

Testing

Curriculum and Instruction

Cafeteria services

Custodial services

Scheduling

Anyone missing?

Implementation Steps

- 1. Inform all Stakeholders (Teachers, Parents, Students, Athletics, etc)**
- 2. Establish calendar and share with Stakeholders**
- 3. Make necessary facility, curricular, transportation, and budgetary changes**
- 4. Monitor progress, report**
- 5. Evaluate**

Evaluation

What worked?

What were the problem areas?

What needs to be modified?

Resources

A useful tool for education specialists considering a move to year-round school years is the “Year-Round Education Program Guide” published by the California Department of Education. The guide takes you through the process of deciding on and implementing a year-round schooling calendar. The steps below are taken from the guide.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/yr/guide.asp>

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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