



Four-Day Week Quick Facts

Disclaimer: The information below is considered conceptual until further notice. Official details have not been finalized.

- All schools will operate under one calendar moving forward with no school on Fridays and will share the same days off to streamline schedules throughout the school year.
- Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Breaks will remain in place.
- Labor Day and Memorial Day will be the only Monday holidays observed.
- New calendar will allow the 1st semester to end prior to the onset of Winter Break.
- Cost savings of roughly \$1.4 million will primarily result from transportation, innovation, and substitute class coverage.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much longer will the school day need to be extended each day?

- It is anticipated that elementary schools will only see approximately 5 minutes added to each day, while K-8, middle, and high schools will have 30-45 minutes added to each day to meet state student contact hour requirements.
- The new 4 day calendar will still exceed the state required contact hours per year.

Can students still get the best education possible even with a 4 day week?

- Pueblo City Schools will absolutely maintain the same goals and rigor of instruction in all our programs. The shortened week could result in longer and more intense periods of focus for our children. The extra day off may also prove beneficial in allowing our students and staff time to prepare for the following week. The four day week will also allow for additional professional development for our staff to greater meet the needs of our students. We believe these factors will prove beneficial for our district.

Do employees have to report to work on Fridays?

- Over the next several weeks, the district will be addressing this and other topics that should be resolved prior to being formally presented at the upcoming Board meeting in April 2018. At this time, we anticipate one monthly scheduled Friday for staff held each month -- staff will not be required to attend on all other Fridays.

Will schools be open for business related appointments on Fridays?

- The district will be closed to the community on all Fridays for all business related services.
- While staff may be present in the buildings, responding to community needs will not be their focus or intent at those times.

Will students have access to programs on Fridays?

- Pueblo City Schools has many programs that may be able to provide support on Fridays next year. We anticipate that funding could be available that would allow us options to offer additional programs to our students.

Is staff able to access their building office or classroom on Fridays?

- We are working to establish a solution to allow staff members access to their building on Fridays if necessary to allow them to catch up or prepare for the upcoming week.

Are there any meal programs for students to take advantage of on Fridays?

- This, too, is something we are working to find funding for through our federal grant programs. Because we have so many programs already in place, we feel very confident that a solution is within reach to allow us to take this burden off of our families in need.