

Groveton ISD 4-Day School Week Frequently Asked Questions

Groveton ISD is conducting a follow-up survey to gather more information and continue to monitor interest about the 4-day school week. If GISD continues the 4-day school week, the calendar will consist of less days and longer hours. Please take the time to complete the survey found at grovetonisd.net or on the Groveton ISD Facebook page. We value your feedback.

Some Common Questions with Answers:

- 1. How many school days would we have if we moved to a 4-day week calendar for the entire 2023-2024 school year?**
Likely 154-160 days. We have been on a 169-178 day calendar for several years.
- 2. How long would the school days be?**
Likely 504 minutes, which is 50 minutes longer than our current days.
- 3. What would the school day times be?**
That would have to be worked out, but possibly 7:30-4:05
- 4. When would the school year start and end?**
To accommodate a 4-day school week, the year would have to start earlier in August to get out by the end of May. The actual start and end dates would need to be worked out by a calendar committee and then approved by the board of trustees.
- 5. How long will high school classes be?**
High school classes will most likely be 57 minutes long.
- 6. How are teachers able to fit in the required curriculum with less days?**
Teachers understand they have the same amount of time with less days in the school year.
- 7. What about Extra-Curricular? Will all activities stay the same?**
That might be determined by the collaboration of schools participating in the contests. If the “other” school has a 4-day school week, then activities might be held on Thursdays. If not, staff may have to work, and students could have to play/compete on a non-school day.
- 8. How has the 4-day week affected student achievement in other schools?**
Athens ISD, who has done 4-day weeks longer than anyone else, has actually shown improvement in student achievement scores. No other schools have reported that 4-day weeks have negatively impacted student achievement, but there is not a lot of hard data that can be used to fully make a determination due to other factors, including the COVID era.
- 9. Would GISD offer any type of intervention on the days we are off?**
That will be determined based upon need and requirements set forth by the legislature. It is very likely the current requirements for tutoring will be amended in the upcoming legislative session.
- 10. Has there been any consideration for those students that may need assistance with meals on the “off day”?**
Yes, we are looking into options that the district can assist with to ensure our students are offered assistance.
- 11. How does a 4-day week affect attendance?**
Since initiating the 4-day week upon our return to school in January, GISD average daily attendance has been the highest all year.