

SLIDELL CALL

ALVORD

••••• 4 DAY FEEDBACK •••••

Alvord ISD plans to take action to consider approval of a 4-day instructional calendar beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. Please note that this is not official until it is formally approved by the Board of Trustees.



The information below reflects Alvord ISD's responses to questions and key discussion points that have been shared publicly. These insights are being reviewed as part of our own decision-making process to better understand implementation, challenges, and outcomes experienced by other districts.

What was your process in you plan development?



We spent multiple years working on the move due the hesitation. All years DEIC has had a calendar committee. Met outside of the DEIC committee. They pulled articles and research. There have been very few districts that have moved back to 5 day from 4 day.

Used data they found from smaller rural districts - Mrs. Bull (Assistant Superintendent) will send that data over.



- Lots of research
- Friday vs Monday
- 1st vs 2nd Semester

The biggest question was with the work schedule for students.



We are planning to move to 7 period days and extending the classes (longer classes).



The first 5 Fridays in August we're in session.

What about elementary school students' acclimation?



- All rotations are in the afternoon for the younger one's. Core subjects frontloaded to the morning time.
- K,1, 2 Fridays
 - They would receive accelerated instruction.
- Will share the plan for the elementary master schedule.

How are you handling child care? Also for Staff kids?



- Admin rotates campuses
- Only certified teachers will have the opportunity to volunteer to work for ½ day Fridays. Volunteers say they are interested, and then a Friday work rotation schedule will be created.
- 8:30- 11:30 for students/8:00- 12:00 for teachers. 1-2 certified only staff members per campus. Due to selected times, meals are not provided.
- We have heard that usually by the end of the 1st 6 weeks they will have zero.
- Hourly pay \$50 per hour - certified volunteers
- Transportation pay for Friday for Bridgeport students? Will check into and get back.

Friday vs Mondays



Several school districts report that Friday's they would still have their pep rallies to encourage community involvement.

Athletics/ coaches



- Super excited about it.
- They will now get an extra day over the weekend.
- Will send the athletic schedule power point.
- Does not impact their day a lot but about 45 minutes.

Recess/Movement Plan



- Kinder has 2 recess 30 minutes each;
- 1st grade has 20 min in morning and 15 min in the afternoon
- 2nd grade has 30 min. in the morning and 20 in the afternoon.

Hourly employees and administrators



- Close to a minute for minute for the 226 calendar and divide it.
- Do the same for 216, 212, and 207 contracted employees



Will follow Bridgeport's calendar for Centrally Located Classroom students.

Daily Start and Stop times for each school



- High School - 7:45-4:05
- Middle School - 8:00- 4:20
- Intermediate School - 7:45- 4:05
- Elementary School - 7:50- 4:10

Transportation



- Stagger the times in between for campuses.
- Transportation for Friday- they will run a bus or a suburban route depending on the number of students.

Child Nutrition



- Continue with blue bags from Feeding Wise Kids.
- A local church also does back packs once per month
- Friday school, bring a snack or a snack will be available.

Current hourly retention



It has not been a concern; their pay is not being impacted, they increase their daily rate to make up for the loss of day.

Professional Development



Three Fridays throughout the year are planned for PD; no ½ day school days.

5 days for the first 5 weeks.



- The minutes per day are the same as the 4 weeks.
- Last Day of school is ½ day.

Calendar Start/Stop Dates



- New teachers start July 31st
- August 3rd
- Last day May 27th
- Teacher work day 28th
- 3 days built in banked and 2 bad weather days in May