

Student Academic Calendar

February 13, 2018



Calendar Advisory Committee Members



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Kathy Allyn, Parent

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Calendar Advisory Committee Guiding Principles

1. The recommendation is good for kids.
2. The recommendation is good for the organization - AJUSD.
3. The recommendation is good for our Community.

Calendar Advisory Committee Objectives



- Recommendation aligns with all three CAC Guiding Principles.
- CAC will present two calendars (4 day & 5 day) to the AJUSD Governing Board in December 2017. Once a consensus is reached, CAC will recommend one of the two calendars for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Calendar recommendation includes:
 - # School Days and Instructional Minutes
 - Teacher Professional Development
 - District and Community Supports
 - Start date preference
 - Start time preference



What Do We Value?

Bell Schedule

- School start times after 7:15 am
- School end times before 4:00 pm

Instructional Day

- Student learning and retention
- Student achievement results
- Instructional minutes
- Special area classes / electives

Communication

- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Elementary
 - Junior High
 - High School

Professional Development / Collaboration Opportunities for Teachers

- Embedded within the teachers contract
- Embedded within the school day

Before / After School / Extended Breaks

- Extended learning opportunities
- Community Education classes / activities
- Child care
- Family time

Financial Implications

- Fiscally responsible
- Money focused on students and their learning
- Transportation

Data / Information Presentations

- Stakeholder surveys were emailed to stakeholders twice over a two week period to maximize participation.
 - Former AJUSD Families* (124 responses)
 - Current AJUSD Families (930 responses)
 - AJUSD Staff (346 responses)
- AJUSD 5-year Financial Costs (Cindy Reichert, Director of Finance)
 - State Budget
 - Federal Budgets
- Apache Junction Community Factors (Bryant Powell, AJ City Manager)
 - Workforce Inflow / Outflow
 - Demographic and Housing Estimates
 - Economic Characteristics / Median Household Income
- AJUSD Student Achievement Data (Heather Wallace, Director of Ed. Services)
- Overview of AJUSD Data (Dr. Krista Anderson, Superintendent)
- Community Extended Learning Opportunities (Liz Langenbach, AJ Director of Parks & Recreations)
 - Apache Junction Parks and Recreation
 - Boys and Girls Club

Additional Data

- High Performing 4-Day and 5-Day School Districts in Arizona
- AJUSD District Markers
 - Student Attendance / Tardy
 - Student Discipline
 - Teacher Attendance
- AJUSD Student Enrollment
- AJUSD Student Retention
- AJUSD Teacher Mobility
- Neighboring District Data (e.g. Auditor General Reports, grad. rates, instructional hours, professional development, poverty rates, student/teacher ratio)
- Neighboring District Calendars
- Research Articles (e.g. instructional time, brain research, extended learning time, school calendars, student sleep studies)
- Apache Junction Juvenile Offender Data - 2012-2016



Calendar Advisory Committee Student Academic Calendar Recommendation

The Calendar Advisory Committee recommends a 4-Day traditional student academic calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

High Performing: 4-Day Districts

Above State Average

District	# of Students (AzMERIT)	ELA	Arizona	Math	Arizona
Apache Junction	2646	29	39	33	40
Camp Verde	1143	22	39	20	40
Coolidge	1422	15	39	15	40
Globe	1039	21	39	20	40
Hillside	19	53	39	58	40
Miami	708	20	39	24	40
Ray	317	29	39	20	40
Saddle Mountain	1099	28	39	40	40

Above State Average

Traditional Schedule

Year-Round Schedule

High Performing: 5-Day Districts

District	# of Students (AzMERIT)	ELA	Arizona	Math	Arizona
Benson	859	44	39	50	40
Chandler	29425	54	39	55	40
Gilbert	24226	52	39	55	40
Higley	8111	58	39	60	40
JO Combs	3017	37	39	34	40
Mesa	41887	37	39	41	40
Queen Creek	4452	52	39	59	40
Vail	9121	59	39	64	40

District	Type of Calendar	# of days of PD Before School	Full Day Release - PD in Contract	Early Release - Prof. Dev	Early Release - Other	# of Weeks	# of Days
AJUSD	4-day / Friday off	2	0	0	4	38	146
Saddle Mountain	4-day / Monday off	4	6	6	6	39	150
Chandler	Modified Year-Round	4	6	0	3	39	180
Queen Creek	Modified Year-Round	3	0	11	10	38	180
Gilbert	Traditional	2	1	33 (1 hour per week)	4	39	180
Mesa	Traditional	4	0	4	6-8	38	180



Student Academic Calendar

~ Elementary

Student Academic Calendar	# of School Days	Elementary School Hours	Elementary Instructional Hours
Current	146	8:30 - 4:00 pm (7 hrs, 30 min)	972 hours
4-day Recommendation	150	8:45 - 3:50 pm* (7 hrs, 20 min)	1008 hours
5-day Recommendation	180	8:45 - 3:00 pm* (6 hrs, 45 min)	1080 hours

*Start/End times may vary by 5-10 minutes due to actual bus routing for all students.

Minimum Required Instructional Hours in AZ	
Grades K-3	712 hours
Grades 4-6	890 hours



Student Academic Calendar

~ Junior High

Student Academic Calendar	# of School Days	Junior High School Hours	High School Instructional Hours
Current	146	6:50 - 3:17 pm (8 hrs, 17 min)	1002 hours
4-day Recommendation	150	7:20 - 3:00 pm* (7 hrs, 30 min)	1009 hours
5-day Recommendation	180	7:50 - 2:40 pm* (6 hrs, 50 min)	1042 hours

*Start/End times may vary by 5-10 minutes due to actual bus routing for all students.

Minimum Required Instructional Hours in AZ

Grades 7-8

1000 hours



Student Academic Calendar

~ High School

Student Academic Calendar	# of School Days	High School School Hours	High School Instructional Hours
Current	146	6:50 - 3:17 pm (8 hrs, 17 min)	1102 hours
4-day Recommendation	150	7:20 - 3:00 pm* (7 hrs, 30 min)	1226 hours
5-day Recommendation	180	7:50 - 2:40 pm* (6 hrs, 50 min)	1252 hours

*Start/End times may vary by 5-10 minutes due to actual bus routing for all students.

Minimum Required Instructional Hours in AZ	
Grades 9-12	720 hours

Instructional Hours (Yearly)

*ADE allows for HS to count lunch and passing time when calculating instructional hours.

Academic Calendar	# of School Days	Elementary	Junior High	High School*
AJUSD Current	146	972	1002	1102
4-day Recommendation	150	1008	1009	1226
5-day Recommendation	180	1080	1042	1252
Gilbert	180	1007	1062	1046
Higley	180	1036	1099	1107
Mesa	180	966	1024	1080
Tempe Elementary	180	1052	1009	NA
Tempe Union	180	NA	NA	1150



Athletes Taking EVIT Classes

Student Academic Calendar	Proposed High School Hours	EVIT AM Session (5-days)	EVIT PM Session (5-days)	Transportation	AIA
Current	6:50 - 3:17 pm (8 hrs, 17 min)	8:05 - 10:35 am	12:05 - 2:35 pm	AM 7:20 - 11:20 am PM 11:20 - 3:00 pm	Due to AJHS's region placement in AIA, the student academic calendar will remain to be a challenge for EVIT students taking PM EVIT classes.
4-day Recommendation	7:20 - 3:00 pm* (7 hrs, 30 min)	8:05 - 10:35 am	12:05 - 2:35 pm	AM 7:20 - 11:20 am PM 11:20 - 3:00 pm	
5-day Recommendation	7:50 - 2:40 pm* (6 hrs, 50 min)	8:05 - 10:35 am	12:05 - 2:35 pm	AM 7:20 - 11:20 am PM 11:20 - 3:00 pm	

*Start/End times may vary by 5-10 minutes due to actual bus routing for all students.



EVIT

High school students typically take 6 classes during a school day.

- ❖ A student taking 4-6 classes in AJUSD will allow us to claim him/her as a 1.0 ADM.
- ❖ A student attending an EVIT block class or off site class yields AJUSD .75 ADM. ADM is shared between AJUSD (.75) and EVIT (.25). It may be more if the student is taking another EVIT sponsored class (e.g. Anatomy).
 - Transportation 1.5 hours
 - Hard to fill positions

High School ADM:

- 6 classes 1.0 ADM (average daily membership)
- 5 classes 1.0 ADM
- 4 classes 1.0 ADM
- 3 classes .75 ADM
- 2 classes .5 ADM
- 1 class .25 ADM

*To ensure that students have an opportunity to participate in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes, EVIT offers to pay for students to attend summer school.

4-Day Student Academic Calendar

Apache Junction Unified School District
Proposed 2018-2019 Calendar (Four-day Traditional)

July 2018							July 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4	Independence Day (Holiday)					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	18-23	New Teachers Report					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	24-26	All Teachers Return					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	First Day of School					
29	30	31					August 2018						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							3	Labor Day (Holiday)					
							21	Professional Development					
							September 2018						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							3-4	Parent/Teacher Conference, Early Release K-12					
							4	End of 1st Quarter					
							8-11	Fall Break - No School					
							26	Professional Development					
							October 2018						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							12	Veteran's Day (Holiday)					
							21-22	Thanksgiving Break (No School)					
							November 2018						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							20	End of 1st Semester - Full Day					
							24-31	Winter Break - No School					
							December 2018						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1-3	Winter Break - No School					
							21	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)					
							25	Professional Development					
							January 2019						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							18	President's Day (Holiday)					
							22	Professional Development					
							February 2019						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							6-7	Parent/Teacher Conference, Early Release K-12					
							7	End of 3rd Quarter					
							11-14	Spring Break - No School					
							29	Professional Development					
							March 2019						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							23	Last Day of School, Early Release					
							27	Memorial Day (Holiday)					
							April 2019						
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							1	1st Quarter: 10/4/18 - 39 days	3rd Quarter: 7/1/19 - 34 days				
							2	2nd Quarter: 12/20/18 - 37 days	4th Quarter: 5/23/19 - 40 days				
							3	1st Semester = 76 days	2nd Semester = 74 days				
							School Year: 150 Student Days						

Adopted:

■ No School

■ 1/2 Day

2018-2019 Highlights

- New Teachers Report: July 18-23
- All Teachers Return: July 24-26
- First Day of School: July 30
- Fall Break: October 8-11 (1 week)
- Winter Break: December 24-January 3
- Spring Break: March 11-14 (1 week)
- Last Day of School: May 23 (early release)

Professional Development (Friday - 6 full days)

- August 17
- September 21
- October 26
- January 25
- February 22
- March 29

Parent / Teacher Conferences (early release)

- October 3-4
- March 6-7

5-Day Student Academic Calendar

Apache Junction Unified School District
Proposed 2018-2019 Calendar (Five-day Modified)

2018-2019 Highlights

- New Teachers Report: July 16-18
- All Teachers Return: July 19-23
- First Day of School: July 24
- Fall Break: October 1-12 (2 weeks)
- Friday Before Winter Break: December 21 (early release)
- Winter Break: December 24-January 3 (2 weeks)
- Spring Break: March 11-22 (2 weeks)
- Last Day of School: May 23 (early release)

Professional Development (Wednesday - 9 early release days)

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| August 8 | September 12 |
| October 24 | November 14 |
| December 12 | January 16 |
| February 13 | April 10 |
| May 8 | |

Parent / Teacher Conferences (4 early release)

- October 27-28
- March 7-8

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Questions