



**Comments about start date.**

2 weeks before Labor Day is too much

After Labor Day. Classrooms are hot in August. Later the start the better.

Allows for no breaks of time and gives the full month of August.

Although no air conditioning makes it unbearable in our rooms at times.

As a third-grade teacher we need an early start to prepare for the third-grade reading guarantee in mid-October.

Attendance might be better, as students might have completed their summer vacations. August gets hot.

August is much too hot for students and teachers in buildings without air condition.

August is the hottest month and students and teachers alike struggle to be productive when the old and un-airconditioned buildings heat up. In August (and September) my room sometimes gets to be 90+ degrees which I know is true of many other classrooms as well. Because of climate change it is not likely that this situation will improve. Personally, the hot weather makes me feel ill and so I'm sure the students are feeling it too. Because of the hot weather it makes sense to me to start as late as possible.

Better to start later and go to first couple of weeks in June. Testing should not determine the calendar.

Change the kindergarten entry age to August 1st. (*Been trying - AK*)

Children are much more engaged when they are not in conditions in which it is literally over 90 degrees in the classroom. The first few weeks before Labor Day are very stressful. I am constantly making sure that the children are not dehydrated.

Classrooms are extremely hot. I had several students move in after first week of school so later start may avoid this.

Definitely not 3 weeks before Labor Day!! Please! I think two weeks before Labor Day is too much. My first choice is one week before Labor Day, second choice the day after Labor Day. I also think there are MANY benefits to a partial week that first week (i.e. start on a Wednesday).

Elementary schools need A/C

Elementary buildings do not have AC, regular access to working water fountains or restrooms. Forcing students and staff to work in these inhumane conditions is OPPRESSIVE! We have to start advocating for families who don't know how to advocate for themselves.

Families move residency up to Labor Day. Some families don't show until later in the school year due to residential issues. The summer months have been brutal at the start of school year these last few years that we have started mid-August.

I might be more inclined to suggest a different start time if I knew how it would impact the end date of the school year.

I wish you would have shown these with approximate ends to the school year. I do NOT want to be teaching in the second week of June.

I wouldn't mind starting later and ending later.

I'd rather keep it like it currently is and get out at the end of May and have all of June and all of July off

It is not summer yet in June, i.e. weather is still cool. It is still summer in August, i.e. it is and can be very hot.

It is still very hot in August and it seems to be cooler and rainy in June. Students will be better able to concentrate if it is not too warm especially in the buildings with no air conditioning.

It is way too hot in the beginning of the year.

It is way too hot in these buildings. We are not gaining educational time before testing when the kids can't function in the heat.

It might be good to have the professional days on Monday and Tuesday of that beginning week, have students start Wednesday so they have a 3-day week, followed by a 4-day week after Labor Day, then a full 5-day week in the third week of school. The 5-day week at the beginning of this year was actually quite hard for the kids (and the staff, too, I think).

It really doesn't matter when we start, we still work the same number of days.

It shows a balance of family life and work life- both important.

It's just too early and too hot, I get we need to get more done before state testing, but even another week would be great. If state testing could get pushed back more, the day after Labor Day would be even better.

It's so hot! With the air conditioning being rationed, my room was like a sauna!

June is spring!

August is summer!

Should not be in summer unless air conditioning is installed and working in all buildings.

Labor Day to Memorial Day

Later start dates mean families can enjoy more of the summer together.

Like ol' times! Real Vacation Mind Set!

Many families are still on vacation in August. Also, the buildings are way too hot to be in attendance. My room this year was close to 90 plus.

Many students have summer jobs and other family obligations that keep them out of school when we start early in August.

more schools are slowly moving to start after Labor Day

My building has NO AIR CONDITIONING in the classrooms. It is miserable being in here in the middle of August.

No air...it is so hot in our building.

NO more than two. Three weeks before is far too early.

Our building is not air conditioned. It is brutal to open my classroom with the heat in August, especially with moving furniture.

Please do not return to after Labor Day. I feel like this is a step backwards and pushes us far into the summer.

Please, please, please, don't start the year with a 5 day week!!! It's terrible for the younger students and is very difficult for instruction at the elementary level.

prefer to get out of school early in year

Scorching temps @ Oxford

Start earlier and end before Memorial Day

Start with a 2-3 day week, not entire 5 day week.

Starting two weeks before Labor Day makes the beginning of the year very choppy. It also is extremely hot still for those buildings that do NOT have air conditioning.

Students start and then break the routine, Some schools don't have AC and the earlier in Aug. we start the more we force our students and staff to days of extreme heat when the students can't follow a lesson or do much learning

Students starting after Labor Day would cut down on the days that are excessively hot in the elementary buildings.

Teacher professional days Monday and Tuesday, students start on Wednesday.

The classrooms are far too hot to begin school in August.

The classrooms are just too hot for the students to concentrate before Labor Day.

The earlier we start, the hotter it is, and the less likely students are able to learn.

The earliest students should come back is 2 weeks before Labor Day. We are still dealing with high temperatures and for those who are still in buildings without air conditioning, this continues to pose a health concern for many students.

The first week of school should not be a full week/5 days. The students are too tired by the end of the week and starting with the full 5 days just drags on the start-of-year syllabus activities. A more helpful transition would be 3-4 days during the first week for syllabus and introductory information, and then jump into content the next week. Plus, this seems to be a best practice in NEO, as over 75% of districts in Cuyahoga County do NOT have a full 5-day week for the first week of school.

1-2 weeks before Labor Day would be best because I would prefer to get out at/right before Memorial Day weekend instead of going into June.

The heat in buildings that are not air conditioned makes teaching and learning unsuccessful. It would be easier to start after Labor Day because not as much learning is required of scholars in the beginning of the year. The air temperature and air quality is A LEARNING ISSUE.

The heat is unbearable for schools without air. The early start date does not help testing.

the school year can start before Labor Day but my preference is that it start on a Wednesday instead of a full first week.

The weather isn't even nice in the beginning of June anymore. Why not enjoy August?

There are teachers and district parents with children who are still away at camp, athletic tournaments, or a family member can only take a vacation during late summer. Moreover, summer is when we take care of many of our health care needs.

This could work if we have less PD days and students missing school.

This may help to alleviate some of the staff and dsydents' suffering due to the heat.

This way students have nearly the whole month of September to acclimate to their school routine. The lack of a/c in elementary is another reason to start the year later.

Three weeks before Labor Day is much too early.

One or two weeks before Labor Day is okay too.

Too hot before labor Day

Two days after Labor Day would be even better.

Two weeks before labor day is too early.

We are teaching to the test. All of our buildings are not equipped to handle the heat of August. I would rather go into June when the weather is milder and go back later ,then to go in mid Aug and get out end of May.. Every year we are going back earlier and earlier.

We start WAY TOO early. It is too hot in the middle of August especially when there is no AC in multiple buildings. Starting school right before Labor Day and getting out the first week of June is a good schedule. I vote for going back at the end of August like we used to a few years ago.

Weather is cooling down and we are not in the midst of summer. The city pool adjusts the swim schedule to our students. Pushing the calendar earlier has never made sense or changed test scores. We waste so much instructional time in the hot weather.

What date would be the last day of school in each scenario?

What is going to drive this decision? Will it be what is best for students or what is best for the test? I believe the test is driving too many of our decisions and we lose sight of what is best for children.

Whenever the start of school is, it would be fantastic to have the first semester truly end as we go into winter break and the second semester truly begin as we get back from winter break.

### **Comments about Spring Break 2021**

An early spring break is best. There are students who lose what's been learned over vacation time. They need time to get back into the swing of things before the Ohio State Tests.

both are fine to me

Breaks should be spaced at optimal times to allow students time to reset and refresh to make the final push through the school year.

Consecutive days off leave better blocks of days for instruction.

I like the earlier spring break. It is a long haul from winter break until nearly April.

I prefer the last full week of March every year.

If we do the extra 4-day weekend, it would seem we would extend the school year...I'd rather end the year earlier than have 2 back to back breaks.

If we have the opportunity to have Spring Break include Passover we should absolutely do so.

Is the week after Easter an option?

Is there any way we can have the break in April

It is hard to go out of town for Easter and must be back for Monday AM (*All calendar options have included Easter Monday as a day off – AK*)

It should be mid semester.

Keep it consistent each year and the earlier the better to avoid interfering with OST .

longer time is good for those of us that travel including students.

March 27 is a Saturday. This gives everyone who celebrates a break when they need it.

March 29- April 6 is too close to state testing. Also, we lose one day off.

March 29-April 6 is too close to state testing in high school subjects (which is usually beginning of April). (*with Easter being April 4 we are going to have April 2 and 5 off regardless of spring break- AK*)

More holiday time permits family visits.

Use one of the days we would be getting for the holidays in March (ie long weekend sometime in March).

prefer more consecutive days off for travel

Spring break should coincide with the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Testing calendar may alter these decisions.

Also does this change the beginning and end calendar choices?

This coincides with my children's spring break - important family time.

Why can't we have the break after Easter? March seem to early.

### **Comments about Spring Break 2022**

Again, the earlier the better in order to get back into learning before the Ohio State Tests.

All of these options sound fine.

April 11 is way too late

April 11-19 is too late. Spring Break dates should be coordinated as much as possible with the state testing windows.

April 11-19 is WAY too late- behavior in March would be concern if there was 6-7 weeks of 5-day weeks. March 21-25 off would be ideal for high school state tested subjects because returning for 2 full weeks would allow for finishing content and review before the OST in April. This is all assuming OST still exists in 2022 and is in April...

April 11-April 19th is too close to state testing.

April is too late based on our current start date but would be PERFECT if we started after Labor Day.

Breaks should be spaced at optimal times to allow students time to reset and refresh to make the final push through the school year.

Do not like the April break due to state testing.

Having spring break start in April seems a bit late into the school year.

How does testing affected?

I like the earlier spring break. It is a long haul from winter break until nearly April.

It all depends how early we get out. If we get out end of May then I would rather have spring break earlier. If we get out later than April 11-19 would be ok. Ultimately, I am not too concerned if we get Easter Monday.

It is hard to go out of town for Easter and have to be back for Monday AM

It should be mid semester.

Keep it consistent each year and the earlier the better to avoid interfering with OST

last full week of March

Later the better

more consecutive days off to be able to travel distances

NOT the April 11-19!! Too long to wait for Spring Break!

Spring break should coincide with the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth quarter.

State testing may be an issue with the later break...if that's the case, I'd choose March 21-25 as the best alternative.

Testing calendar may alter these decisions.

Also does this change the beginning and end calendar choices?

This coincides with my children's spring break - important family time.

This might depend on when testing it. April 11 is way too late!

This way we're only missing 2 days of instruction in April. I would also be ok with March 21 start. I think state testing dates for spring should be a factor.

This would align with more schools locally.

**The district recommends the second Records Day to continue to be the end of Semester 1 for Secondary and the end of Trimester 2 for Elementary. If you do not agree with this choice please let us know when is a better time for the Records Day?**

I would rather have records day always be in close conjunction with parent conferences. and if not then around the semester is good.

2 weeks prior to end of trimester two

Any day is fine as long as records day occur a few days before the records are due (report cards, progress report).

Can records day actually be by report card time?

End of semester for secondary necessary for grading.

good time

I think this sounds doable. Records Day should always coincide with dates progress reports and/or grades are due for all buildings.

IDK--why don't we do something about school climate instead of worrying about this?

The kids are out of control.

I'm part of the related service provider department. When our records days don't line up we miss valuable meeting time. It's MUCH better for our department when records days line up district wide. I would think this is the same for families with children attending both elementary and secondary levels.

It would be better to have one per semester.

March?

Before report cards, as it is now.

Near report card time

November The week before Thanksgiving. One day only. End of March before Spring Break 1, One day only!

Perfect!

Records day needs to occur the day the trimester closes and 4 days before report card closes. Conference night needs to be scheduled after records day and before report cards are sent home.

Records day should be the day before conferences

Records days are helpful to have at the end of trimesters to allow teachers to actually work on records.

Regardless of when the records day is for elementary, PLEASE keep it in combination with conferences and PD. The set up we have this current school year is the BEST!

## **Any other Calendar Comments or Suggestions.**

2 days off for elementary conferences again please

2 days off in a row for elementary students, twice during the year, cuts into instruction disproportionately for elementary as compared to middle and high school time with students. Having a day without students for conferences adjacent to a professional day is just bad planning the results in 2 3-day weeks for students during the year.

Especially when elementary teachers have to make up an extra hour of outside of contract hours time since conferences are more during work hours now.

3-day staggered start for kindergarten each year (*this is required in the new contract - AK*)

A records day should be built into the calendar for the end of third quarter as there is already one for the first quarter, second quarter, and fourth quarter; all records days should take place the Friday of the last day of the quarter (as it is this year for the first quarter).

Align with Shaker and Warrensville to avoid nightmares in CTE classes

Can we please eliminate the overabundance of useless PD days?

Conference nights should be alternated so that in each semester, we have one after school and another during the school day. Only the parents of high achieving honors students attend spring conferences. It's a waste.

Conference nights needs to be scheduled after records day and before report cards are sent home.

Could we move PDs or Conferences during the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving break?

Create the calendar based on what is good for students, families and teachers, not what is best for testing!

District and Union should have the right to revisit decisions for the 2nd year if concerns come during the first year of the calendar decisions.

Do not host fall conferences the Thursday and Friday before TGRG testing!

Get rid of Convocation - we don't need another speaker telling us if HE doesn't think we're committed, we should leave the profession. The superintendent could make a cameo appearance at our building-level meetings.

Have HR give us the list of courses we "need" instead of Convocation.

I feel we should start classes the day after Labor Day and get out of school the Friday after Memorial Day. (*This would not give us the 182 work days - AK*)

I think the most important issue is the start date, due to weather concerns. When I have to come to work in a classroom that has 90 degree temperatures I feel ill, unable to focus on teaching, and the students are not able to focus on learning. It feels like a waste of instructional time and also like a cruelty to have to withstand the heat. The fewer days we can have of that the better.

I will like to know if school began the Tuesday after labor day, when would the last day be? (*counting 10 extra days this school would have the last day for students on June 12 instead of May 29 - AK*)

I would prefer to have the school year go from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

Also, it would be nice if Conference night could always fall on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday, and even better if we could schedule it the night before a PD day.

IDK--why don't we do something about school climate instead of worrying about this?

The kids are out of control and test scores are going to suffer.



It is very difficult to start a full week right away. Kids struggle trying to transition back into school and by Friday they are zombies. I would rather have convocation/set up days . Mon Tues and then start kids on Wed.

IT REMAINS UNFAIR TO THOSE WHO HAVE TO USE THEIR PERSONAL DAYS FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. YOU CLOSE TWICE FOR TWO JEWISH HOLIDAYS, YOU CLOSE FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND CHRISTMAS, LAST YEAR WE HAD THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER. HOW DO WE DO A GRIEVANCE AGAINST THAT.

It seems that we have some holidays off that are not totally necessary-MLK day, president's day. It would be great to actually have school those days, teach about those topics and end the school year earlier. It would allow for more consistency in the year.

It would be nice if the elementary student education was considered and valued as much as the secondary perspective.

It's nice to finish the week of Memorial day - teachers and kids. Friday of Memorial Day week should be the optional teacher work day not making us return Monday of the following week.

Keep elementary conferences two days like this year.

Not a full 5-day school week for the first week of school! We are all adjusting when we first come back. Also, it would be more ideal to start earlier and end at Memorial Day weekend (end of May) than continue into June.

Not at the moment.

November The week before Thanksgiving. One day only. End of March before Spring Break 1, One day only!

Parent Teacher Conferences should be done at an earlier time--2 days 3-7pm, follow a Tuesday schedule for the High school. 9 pm is too late especially coming to work the next day. Night does not always work for parents, plus parking is an issue. There should be an offer of one-night conference and one day time.

Parent teacher conferences should be held on Thursdays OR the evening before a scheduled day off.

PD be linked to the day after holidays. Therefore, teachers return but students don't. PD days should occur when we have a Monday off.

Please consider starting school later!!!!

Revise the elementary schools' weekly schedule to have the same amount of teaching time as MS and HS with one early dismissal day a week.

Start after Labor Day, end at Memorial Day. 2 weeks for winter break, spring break around Easter please.

Thank you for all your hard work on this. These calendar issues are important!

Thank you for everything you do!

Thanks!

The Monday after Thanksgiving off to allow for travel.

The records day backed up to a PD day is a brilliant idea!

The school calendar should shift completely because it's so hot in August. Ohio should be like Michigan and ban all districts from starting school before Labor day!! :)

We need more records days - with so many meetings it is truly hard to plan and get materials ready for classes.

We need to have the Fall parent/teacher conferences BEFORE the end of the 1st quarter. We need to catch the students who are not being successful BEFORE they fail the 1st quarter and get into a hole they cannot get out of before the end of the semester. Please push to have our Fall parent/teacher conferences ~ 2 weeks before the end of the quarter!!!!!!

Whenever possible, it seems to make more sense to attach any professional days we can to 3-day/holiday weekends instead of asking parents to find childcare on multiple but not consecutive days within weeks of each other.

Will Election Days be staff days as they have in the past?

With Records days and PD days, I think we should consider attaching them to a weekend. Students already have Friday or Monday off, so they get an extended weekend. We often see low attendance on these days because parents will pull students to go out of town. This way, teachers would have a 3-day weekend with PD one of the days and students would have a 4-day weekend.

Yes - Curriculum Night was too late for Elementary. Can we do a "Meet the Teacher" event prior to school starting - open house format, kids can attend, supplies can be dropped off, and this would be INSTEAD of curriculum night? Or can we decide as a building?