



Instructional Calendars 2023-2024

PROPOSED UPDATES

Item for Discussion

The Board has requested staff to explore the possibility of making March 5, 2024 a Teacher Work-Day.

Staff have reviewed this request and will present their analysis.

Rationale for Adding a Teacher Work-Day

Historically, a significant number WCPSS schools serve as polling sites throughout the year during specific election periods.

Depending on the election type, 80+ WCPSS schools are currently being used as polling sites.

National election years (2016, 2020 and projected for 2024) account for the dates that have the most sites utilized and the largest attendance at the sites.

Student safety is often discussed when schools are being used as polling sites. Especially, during polling dates that have high attendance rates.

National Polling Dates for 2024

Election Day, **November 5, 2024**, has already been marked on the 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar as a day off for students.

Since 2024 is a national election year, **March 5, 2024** (Primary Election Day) will also be a day that many WCPSS schools will be used as a polling site, and a large number of voters are expected to be in attendance. This is based on several years of data collected since 2018.

Instructional Hours

G.S. 115c-84.2

“A minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months.”

- Each year, WCPSS approves an instructional calendar that exceed 1,025 hours of instruction for students.
- The additional hours of instruction allow for “banked days” to be used for inclement weather or unique circumstances (ex. LETRS Training in 2022-23)

Instructional Hours

- For the **2023-24 school year**, all schools used a banked day on August 31, 2023.
- The schools with the least amount of flexibility in their calendar, Year-Round Schools (MTYR and Track 4 only), have already planned to use two “banked days” at the end of the school year for EOG re-administration and remediation.
- Summary: Most schools have 3 “banked days” remaining built into their instructional calendar.

Summary

Staff would not recommend moving an existing Teacher Work-Day in order to make March 5, 2024 a non-school day for students.

- moving existing planned Teacher Work-Days could disrupt planning for both school staff and parents

Most schools have 3 additional days of “banked” time based on our current instructional calendar

- using a “banked day” for March 5, 2024 would only allow for 2 additional days to be available for inclement weather or unique circumstances

Discussion

Questions or Concerns?