



From the Cabinet

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It Will Soon Be Time to Develop the 2025-2026 School Calendar

The Calendar Committee will begin meeting in January to develop the 2025-2026 school calendar. The Calendar Committee will be comprised of elementary school, middle school, and high school teachers and principals; central office administrators; a school board member; parents; and students (one student from each high school). Their charge will be to develop a draft 2025-2026 school calendar.

The Calendar Committee is still in need of parent volunteers who would be willing to serve. If you are interested in serving, please contact Amy Nojang at nojanga@fargo.k12.nd.us.

To assist the Calendar Committee with its work, every other year a survey is issued to parents, staff, and students to gather their perceptions about questions/issues that impact the development of the school calendar. This survey was given last year (2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Calendar Survey), and the results were used to develop the 2024-2025 school calendar and will be used to develop the 2025-2026 school calendar.

The survey link was published in articles in SchoolTalk and The Journey, on Facebook, on Twitter, and was emailed directly to high school students. More than 2,500 individuals (students, parents, and staff) completed the survey. The results of the survey are below.

When asked: Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important) starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May was the first choice of parents, students, and staff.

Parents

Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important):	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Weighted
Starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May	56.17%	24.41%	19.42%	1385	2.37
	778	338	269		
Starting school in August, with more frequent breaks during the school year, which would mean ending school in June	18.29%	44.67%	37.04%	1285	1.81
	235	574	476		
Starting school in September which would most likely mean ending school in June	29.71%	26.19%	44.10%	1390	1.86
	413	364	613		



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Teacher

Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important):	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Weighted
Starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May	50.35%	29.69%	19.97%	576	2.30
	290	171	115		
Starting school in August, with more frequent breaks during the school year, which would mean ending school in June	28.88%	48.26%	22.85%	547	2.06
	158	264	125		
Starting school in September which would most likely mean ending school in June	23.84%	19.35%	56.81%	558	1.67
	133	108	317		

Other District Staff

Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important):	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Weighted
Starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May	48.31%	29.66%	22.03%	236	2.26
	114	70	52		
Starting school in August, with more frequent breaks during the school year, which would mean ending school in June	26.32%	42.11%	31.58%	228	1.95
	60	96	72		
Starting school in September which would most likely mean ending school in June	32.49%	21.52%	45.99%	237	1.86
	77	51	109		



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Admin

Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important):	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Weighted
Starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May	51.72%	27.59%	20.69%	29	2.31
	15	8	6		
Starting school in August, with more frequent breaks during the school year, which would mean ending school in June	39.29%	53.57%	7.14%	28	2.32
	11	15	2		
Starting school in September which would most likely mean ending school in June	10.71%	14.29%	75.00%	28	1.36
	3	4	21		

Students

Please rank in order of your family's preference (#1 being most important):	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Weighted
Starting school in August which would most likely mean ending school in May	47.72%	30.29%	21.99%	241	2.26
	115	73	53		
Starting school in August, with more frequent breaks during the school year, which would mean ending school in June	31.36%	47.28%	21.36%	220	2.10
	69	104	47		
Starting school in September which would most likely mean ending school in June	31.30%	14.78%	53.92%	230	1.77
	72	34	124		

When asked: Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar, the majority of parents, students, and staff responded yes.



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Parents

Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar?	
Yes	61.24%
	902
No	38.76%
	571

Teacher

Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar?	
Yes	75.59%
	446
No	24.41%
	144

Other District Staff

Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar?	
Yes	69.88%
	174
No	30.12%
	75

Admin

Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar?	
Yes	83.33%
	25
No	16.67%
	5

Students

Does your family want a week-long Spring Break built into the school calendar?	
Yes	87.75%
	222
No	12.25%
	31

Once the committee has come to consensus on a draft 2025-2026 school calendar, the committee will be asked to go back to their peer groups to gather input for possible modifications to the working draft. This input will then be utilized in the subsequent working drafts of the calendar until the committee comes to consensus around a 2025–2026 school calendar. Finally, the draft calendar will be shared with the School Board for review, input, and final approval later in the spring.

