

Naperville Community School District 203 School Calendar and School Day Survey

Q: What is the survey?

A: The School Calendar and School Day Survey is designed to gather community feedback about the school year calendar and school day start and end times to determine if there is a better way to serve our families and optimize student learning.

Q: What topics are included in the survey?

A: The survey includes questions about priorities for the school year calendar, preferred school day times for each school level, and how any changes would impact district families.

Q: Who is being asked to participate?

A: All parents, employees, students in grades 6–12, and community members are invited to take the survey.

Q: How was the survey created?

A: District leaders worked with our independent research partner, *K12 Insight*, to develop the survey. *K12 Insight*, based in Herndon, Va., works with more than 30,000 school administrators to strengthen the relationships that power education. *K12 Insight* will also administer the survey.

Q: What information was used to develop the survey questions?

A: The survey is based on school board goals and the work of a research group convened to study school start times and the length of the school day. Recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control were considered as were scholarly articles. We also compared our school days to benchmark districts.

The school board established three goals when considering the school calendar: Having high school finals before winter break, ensuring the number of days in each semester are balanced so that they have an almost equal number of days, and starting school as late in August as possible.

The research group identified potential benefits of school day changes at each school level:

- **Elementary school:** Additional 30 minutes of instruction per day
- **Middle school:** Later start times; additional 10–20 minutes of instruction per day
- **High school:** Later start times

Q: Have any decisions been made?

A: No. There is a lot to consider as we review the school calendar and school day schedule. We want to hear from our community before we make any decisions or implement any changes. We will be using this survey and other data points to inform our decision-making process, and we will share the results with you before taking action.

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Q: When will the survey be available?

A: The survey launches Tuesday, Oct. 4, and will be open until Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Q: How will the survey be administered?

A: Employees, parents and community members with a current email address on file will receive an invitation and a personal survey link from *K12 Insight*. *K12 Insight* will automatically generate reminders for people who have not yet participated. Parents and community members can also participate via a public access link. Students will use their student IDs to access the survey.

Q: Can Naperville 203 see participants' responses?

A: No. Because *K12 Insight* is administering the survey, all responses are confidential. Neither District leadership nor any employee will be able to connect participants to their responses, and only overall results will be presented in *K12 Insight*'s final reports. Naperville 203 will only know if someone participates if they identify themselves in the open-ended comments.