

Pros / Cons Spreadsheets

Feel Free to type your pros here (link any pertinent research documents to your comment):

	K-4 Pros	5-8 Pros	9-12 Pros
1	would allow paras and title help to be there more hours per day	would allow paras and title help to be there more hours per day	would allow paras and title help to be there more hours per day
2	Option for scheduled Friday trainings/collaboration for certified and classified staff	Option for scheduled Friday trainings/collaboration for certified and classified staff	Option for scheduled Friday trainings/collaboration for certified and classified staff
3	4 day 4th Qtr only - scores improved in Plains	4 day 4th Qtr only scores improved	4 day 4th Qtr only scores improved
4	Most people report enjoying the new schedule after initial transition difficulties	Most people report enjoying the new schedule after initial transition difficulties	Most people report enjoying the new schedule after initial transition difficulties
5	Budget saving of .4 to 2.5%	Budget saving of .4 to 2.5%	Budget saving of .4 to 2.5%
6	Access to dentist/Dr.s without having to take a day off	Access to dentist/Dr.s without having to take a day off	Access to dentist/Dr.s without having to take a day off
7	May help with the sub shortage by reducing sub requests	May help with the sub shortage by reducing sub requests	May help with the sub shortage by reducing sub requests
8	Student come earlier & get out later which could reduce M-Th after school care		Allows for internships/jobs on Fridays
9	Allows for maintenance to have access to buildings during the week on a day when there are not students	Allows for maintenance to have access to buildings during the week on a day when there are not students	Allows for maintenance to have access to buildings during the week on a day when there are not students
10	would allow space/time for a Friday program for struggling students	would allow space/time for a Friday program for struggling students	would allow space/time for a Friday program for struggling students
11			If Friday was not a staff training or collaboration day, then teachers who typically spend a weekend day planning and grading might actually get a real 2-day weekend. Sounds good in theory... but...
12	Parents and Students all voted 69% and 70% in favor	Parents and Students all voted 69% and 70% in favor	Parents and Students all voted 69% and 70% in favor
13			2022- Oklahoma high schools saw less fighting and bullying among students after switching from a five-day-a-week schedule to a four-day schedule, see study

14	2022 Results indicate that 4-day school weeks decrease per-pupil bullying incidents by approximately 39% and per-pupil fighting incidents by approximately 31% see study	2022 Results indicate that 4-day school weeks decrease per-pupil bullying incidents by approximately 39% and per-pupil fighting incidents by approximately 31% see study	2022 Results indicate that 4-day school weeks decrease per-pupil bullying incidents by approximately 39% and per-pupil fighting incidents by approximately 31% see study
15	2022 - At schools offering “middle time in school” — an average of 31.03 hours over four days — test scores among kids in grades 3 through 8 did not change. see study	2022- At schools offering “middle time in school” — an average of 31.03 hours over four days — test scores among kids in grades 3 through 8 did not change. see study	
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1	30 min prep? See Plains	30 min prep? See Plains	
2	Too long of a day for young students		Homework for students with sports?
3	Research shows scores drop	Research shows scores drop	
4	Safety concerns that students are not supervised	Safety concerns that students are not supervised	Late night practices for HS Athletics
5	Ski Trips? Volunteers?		Safety concerns that students are not supervised
6	Working longer hours all week and then adding Friday training, Friday school, etc. and increased prep Fri-Sun due to shorter prep periods would diminish the point of 4 day weeks as an attractant to staff	Working longer hours all week and then adding Friday training, Friday school, etc. and increased prep Fri-Sun due to shorter prep periods would diminish the point of 4 day weeks as an attractant to staff	Working longer hours all week and then adding Friday training, Friday school, etc. and increased prep Fri-Sun due to shorter prep periods would diminish the point of 4 day weeks as an attractant to staff
7	Younger children have a hard time adjusting back into routine the longer they are out. This is evident by increased inappropriate behavior after 3 day weekends.	Title One School. Less instructional hours per week to meet the needs of students.	Title One School. Less instructional hours per week to meet the needs of students,
8	Loss of wages for bus drivers	Loss of wages for bus drivers	Loss of wages for bus drivers
9	Research shows Reading, Math & Science scores decrease	Research shows Reading, Math & Science scores decrease	Research shows Reading, Math & Science scores decrease
10	Schedule is harder on older employees	Schedule is harder on older employees	Schedule is harder on older employees
11	4-day schedule is often used in lieu of higher staff pay	4-day schedule is often used in lieu of higher staff pay	4-day schedule is often used in lieu of higher staff pay
12	Possible loss of hours/wages/medical insurance for classified	Research shows higher crime by juveniles in 4-day school weeks	Research shows higher crime by juveniles in 4-day school weeks
13	Food insecurity issues	Food insecurity issues	Food insecurity issues
14	Hardship for some parents who have to find Friday daycare	Possible loss of hours/wages/medical insurance for classified	Possible loss of hours/wages/medical insurance for classified
15	Winter roads may not be plowed for early arrivals	Winter roads may not be plowed for early arrivals	Winter roads may not be plowed for early arrivals

16	Title One school. Less instructional hours per week to meet the needs of students.		Considerable uncontracted time will be needed for adapting and streamlining current curriculum to make the switch.
17	Longer classes do not necessarily equate to the same amount of material being able to be covered.	Longer classes do not necessarily equate to the same amount of material being able to be covered.	Longer classes do not necessarily equate to the same amount of material being able to be covered.
18	Would Fridays truly be a day off for staff? Longer days means less time to plan and grade at the end of the school day. Many teachers already arrive and leave after contracted hours as it is, not to mention also do some degree of planning and grading on the weekends.	Would Fridays truly be a day off for staff? Longer days means less time to plan and grade at the end of the school day. Many teachers already arrive and leave after contracted hours as it is, not to mention also do some degree of planning and grading on the weekends.	Would Fridays truly be a day off for staff? Longer days means less time to plan and grade at the end of the school day. Many teachers already arrive and leave after contracted hours as it is, not to mention also do some degree of planning and grading on the weekends.
19	Research supports better academic gains with year-round school. So it can follow that a five-day week is more academically beneficial than a four-day week.	Research supports better academic gains with year-round school. So it can follow that a five-day week is more academically beneficial than a four-day week.	Research supports better academic gains with year-round school. So it can follow that a five-day week is more academically beneficial than a four-day week.
20	America largely functions on a five-day work week. It makes sense for schools to do the same.	America largely functions on a five-day work week. It makes sense for schools to do the same.	America largely functions on a five-day work week. It makes sense for schools to do the same.
21	Why the sudden push for a 4-day week when a 5-day week seems to be working and has always worked just fine?	Why the sudden push for a 4-day week when a 5-day week seems to be working and has always worked just fine?	Why the sudden push for a 4-day week when a 5-day week seems to be working and has always worked just fine?
22	Our student population and community already does not overly value academics. A shortened school week plays into that in various ways.	Our student population and community already does not overly value academics. A shortened school week plays into that in various ways.	Our student population and community already does not overly value academics. A shortened school week plays into that in various ways.
23	The school calendar is already packed as it is due to the push to end the first week of June. There are fewer holidays compared to many out-of-state districts throughout the school year.	The school calendar is already packed as it is due to the push to end the first week of June. There are fewer holidays compared to many out-of-state districts throughout the school year.	The school calendar is already packed as it is due to the push to end the first week of June. There are fewer holidays compared to many out-of-state districts throughout the school year.
24	Research was not done before the 70% approval survey	Research was not done before the 70% approval survey	Research was not done before the 70% approval survey
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