

4 Day Schedule 2026-2027 FAQ

Q1: Why is the committee recommending that the school move to a 4-day week?

A: This proposal is being recommended to support both student success and staff retention by maintaining strong academic outcomes for our students and promoting a healthy work life balance for our staff.

Q2: Will students receive less instructional time?

A: No. The school day will be slightly extended to ensure that total instructional minutes stay the same and still exceed all state requirements. The school day will be extended slightly to account for the shorter week, with proposed start times at 8:00AM and dismissal at 4:06PM.

Q3: What day will be a non-instructional day for students

A: Mondays.

Q4: Will there still be early release?

A: No, the schedule will ensure consistency across Tuesday-Friday with no early release days

Q5: How will this affect the Break/Summer vacation schedules?

A: Until the VCS 2026-2027 schedule is released, we cannot provide a definitive answer. At this time, we plan to align to VCS break schedules as best as possible.

Q6: What options are available for childcare on the off day?

A: We are partnering with local organizations (e.g. churches, community centers) to provide safe and affordable options. A full list will be shared once it is available.

Q7: How will this impact meals for students who rely on school breakfast and lunch?

A: We are coordinating with food programs to offer take-home meal options or community meal pickups on the off day.

Q8: Will extracurricular activities still be offered?

A: Yes! Sports, clubs, and afterschool programs will continue, with schedules adjusted as needed to support the new calendar.

Q9: How can I stay informed and ask questions?

A: We will host informational meetings, update our website regularly, and maintain an open line of communication via email. Any questions can be email to the board directly at ivyhawnschoolboard@ivyhawnschool.org

Q10: What if families have additional concerns about the proposed calendar change? A: We are committed to ongoing dialogue. Parent and community feedback will guide adjustments and improvements throughout the year. Feedback can be sent to ivyhawnschoolboard@ivyhawnschool.org.

Ivy Hawn Charter School of the Arts

2026-2027

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- School Closed
- Teacher Planning Day
- Blackout for PTO
- New Teacher Training

- Professional Development
- First/Last Day of School
- Parent Teacher Conferences/Teacher Duty Day
- Teacher Duty Day 8-12, PT Conf. 12-7