



Los Angeles Unified School District

FALL 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR SURVEY

Survey Instructions:

Please use a blue or black ink pen (no markers), and fill in the entire circle for each answer choice on the survey. Please do not use check marks "✓". We recommend that you review all the questions before you start marking your answers. If you make a mistake, please cross out the incorrect answer with an "X" and fill in the circle next to your revised choice.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS	
<p>To mark your answer: Please...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make dark and complete marks. • Make no stray marks. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Correct</u> <u>Incorrect</u></p> <p>Example: (A) ● (C) (D) (A) (C) ✓</p>	<p>To change your answer: Please...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark incorrect answer with an "X". • Bubble in new answer. <p>Example: (A) (A) (C) ●</p>

Survey Questions

Question 1. Do you think the school year should start in August? *Please note that our school district is required by law to provide 180 school days each year. The later the start date, the less likely it is that the first semester ends before the winter break. Also, the later the school year starts in the fall, the later it ends in June.*

- a. Early August (August 9-14)
- b. Mid-August (August 15-22)
- c. Late August (August 23-28)
- d. I disagree with starting the school year in August.
- e. I have no preference.

Question 2. Do you think the school year should start after Labor Day? *Labor Day is a national holiday observed on the first Monday in September. Please note that our school district is required by law to provide 180 school days each year. The later the start date, the less likely it is that the first semester ends before the winter break. Also, the later the school year starts in the fall, the later it ends in June.*

- a. I agree
- b. I disagree
- c. I have no preference.

Question 3. Do you think that K-8 students should have a different calendar than high school students? *For example, elementary and middle school students could start school after Labor Day in September and end in mid-June. High school students, however, could start in mid-August and end in late May/early June. Unassigned days, legal holidays, and Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks would be scheduled on the same dates.*

- a. I think the calendar should be the same for all students.
- b. I think high school students should have a different calendar than elementary and middle school students.
- c. I have no preference.

Question 4. How long do you think Thanksgiving Holiday week should be in November? *Please note that longer breaks in the first semester mean a later end of the school year in June.*

- a. Thursday and Friday – 2 days
- b. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 3 days
- c. Monday through Friday – 5 days
- d. I have no preference.

Question 5. How long do you think the winter break should be? *Please note that longer breaks in the first semester mean a later end of the school year in June.*

- a. Two weeks
- b. Three weeks
- c. I have no preference.

Question 6. Based on current research of adolescent sleep needs and the health implications, many school districts across the country are opting to move the beginning of the school day in secondary schools to after 8:30 a.m. Given the research, what is your opinion regarding secondary schools beginning after 8:30 a.m.?

- a. I agree with secondary schools beginning after 8:30 a.m.
- b. I disagree with secondary schools beginning after 8:30 a.m.
- c. I have no preference.

Please place the completed survey form in the envelope provided and send it back to the school with your child no later than September 28, 2017.

Thank you for your participation.