

Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Proposed 4-Day School Week Information



4-Day School Week: Benefits for Students and Families

A Proven Approach to Learning

To enhance student learning and provide more time for enrichment, professional development, and personalized academic support, LRCS is considering implementing a 4-day school week in the 2025-2026 school year.

Proposed Schedule

- **School Days:** Monday to Thursday, 8:25 AM - 3:45 PM (K-5 release at 3:40 PM)
- **Academic Fridays:** Eight Fridays annually, from 8:25 AM to 12:00 PM, for targeted intervention, enrichment activities, and alternative disciplinary options with meals and limited transportation.

Enhanced Learning Opportunities

- **Deeper Learning:** Longer school days support project-based learning and extended lessons.
- **More Core Instruction:** Additional time for math, reading, and science builds foundational skills.
- **Flexible Scheduling:** Supports art, music, physical education, and social-emotional learning.

Key Benefits

- **Increased Instructional Hours:** Students gain more hours annually compared to the current schedule.
- **Tailored Support:** Fridays provide small-group tutoring, enrichment activities, and catch-up time.
- **Improved Focus:** Reports indicate the additional day at home can reduce student fatigue.

Cost Savings

- **Savings in Fuel, Substitute Time, and Food Services:** \$90,000 annually. With rising costs and limited state funding, savings will enhance local levy dollars in support of student learning.

Positive Feedback

- **Community Support:** 71% of surveyed respondents favor the 4-day week.
- **Staff Approval:** 89% of staff back the new schedule.

When Will This Decision Be Made

Approval for the 4-day week is on the January 23rd school board agenda.

Let's work together to build a strong educational environment for our students!