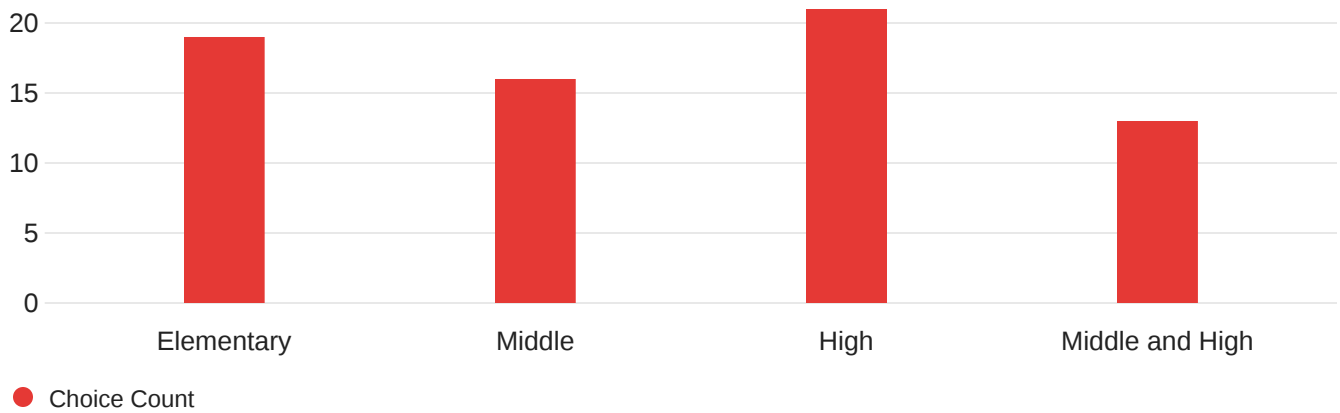
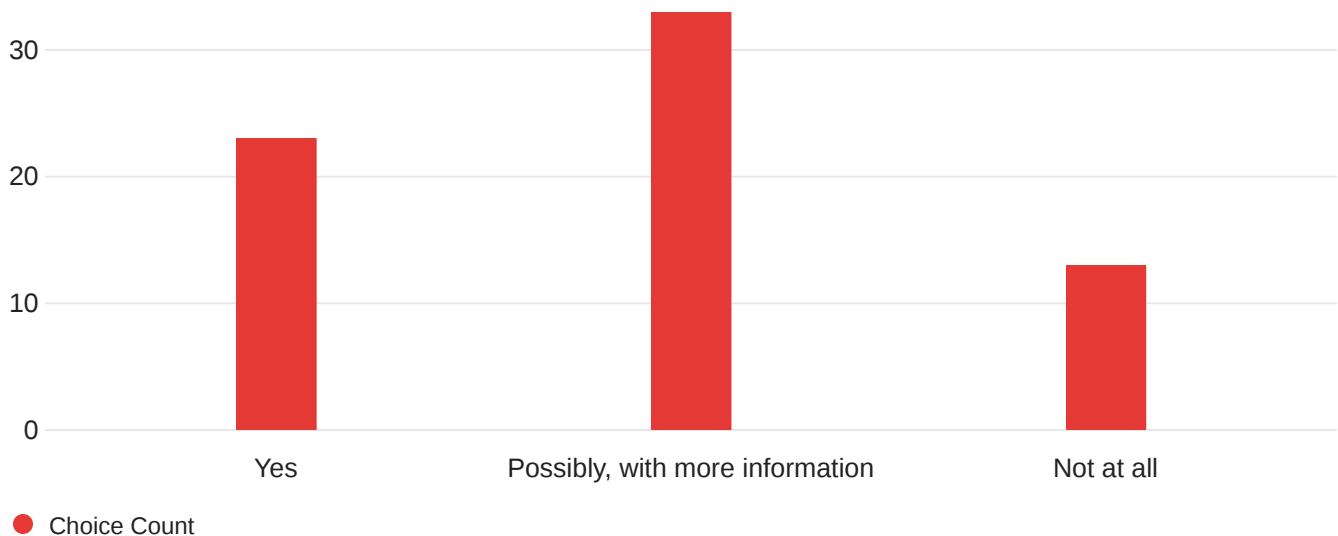


Q1 - Part of PK's mission as a developmental research school is to design, test, and disseminate best practices in education. As such, we are exploring ways to enhance student learning at PK and we are asking for your input. Please answer the following questions so we can begin conversations about school scheduling and additional programs: I teach:



Q2 - Summer can be a time of rejuvenation as well as a time for students to backslide academically. A year-round school calendar is an option that is available to prevent learning loss and support students in excelling in their academic goals. PK is investigating the feasibility and interest of a year-round school model. A typical model of year-round school is for a student to be in school for 45 days and 15 days out. For most students, “year-round” school still means 180 school days per school year. View a mock year-round schedule. The model could look like: First day of School - late July Fall break - first 2 weeks in October Thanksgiving break - 1 week in November Winter break - last week in December, 1st week in January Spring break - 2 weeks in March Last day of school - late May Summer break - 8 weeks in June and July

Would you be interested in teaching at a year-round school?



Q3 - What benefits do you foresee in a year-round school schedule?

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Time off when the weather is nicer. Breaks when we need brain breaks.

Families have more time with children spread out through out year instead of only during the hot summer.

The U.S. would catch our students up with the european countries in academics

Superior for learning.

More frequent breaks. More student knowledge retention.

Any

students graduating earlier

frequent breaks sound great

None

More breaks would improve mental health. Especially having more time to enjoy nice Fall weather changes. Is that the purpose of this? To allow people to travel to see the Fall foliage change in New England? And maybe have more time to recover from Spring Break partying in Cancun?

possible student backslide

Student Retention, Less student/teacher burn-out

N/A

Students may experience less academic slide.

Less learning loss in summer... more opportunity for family vacations during fall/spring, so perhaps less absenteeism during those times of year.

Having different times of year available for traveling versus only summer. Having the breaks spread out could potentially help with burnout.

Prevent learning loss, aligns with our goals around equitable learning, improved outcomes for students, potential for research and research partnerships,

Students would retain more of the knowledge they've acquired over the year. More students would have a safe and stable food source and routine.

Longer breaks so families take their vacations at times when students don't have to miss school. More in term planning time.

Pay during the summers.

Q4 - What challenges do you foresee in a year-round school schedule?

What challenges do you foresee in a year-round school schedule?

Sports teams, families with kids at other schools

Conflicts with sports schedules

Getting enough teachers, paying teachers more money

Arranging child care with differing schedules.

Students and teachers will be exhausted

not enough time off for teacher and students

losing touch with students over the breaks, work schedules of parents not coordinated with the breaks, so harder for them to find childcare.

Students still have 8 weeks off in Summer, instead of ~10.5 now. Not sure if that qualifies as "Year-Round". Although I do see Summer school and camps on the calendar. Would those be mandatory?

Child care, vacation with family/same schedule

Parent child care issues. In summer kids can be enrolled in camps but in October/extra week in March there would likely not be outside sources available so PK should look into creating some with Bluewave afterschool, clubs, athletic teams, etc

This may result in students having less time for extracurricular activities, family time, or simply relaxation. These activities are important for a child's personal development and well-being. Increased childcare issues, which can be both inconvenient and expensive for families. Limited time for student or teacher summer employment. Year-round school implies a continuous cycle of teaching and lesson planning for educators, which can lead to burnout and challenges with recruiting teachers. Teachers also need a break to rejuvenate, upskill, and prepare for the next academic year.

Teachers will not be able to work second jobs during the summer.

May be hard for some parents to have students out of school in fall/spring if they are working.

I see difficulties for families where they have some students at PK and some in alachua county schools.

child care for some families, potential conflict with SBAC and other local schools

Difficult for families to travel or tend to loved ones out of town.

One families have students in more than one school system, and the vacation days do not line up

N/A

breaking the norm of summer break (i.e. getting the families on board)

teacher retention/child care?

Q5 - Are there other things that you'd like to share about year-round school?

Are there other things that you'd like to share about year-round school?

I love the idea.

Thank you for always looking at different options to best support or our students

Maybe year round but a 4 day work week?

No

Are you planning to increase teacher salary??

not at this time

I like getting a week off a the end of each quarter. Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, summer break. I think alot of our students childcare situations will be impacted by year round schooling because it doesn't coordinate with Alachua County. This is hugely annoying and inconvenience to our parents and families who have students at PK and at a County School.

How about 3.5 school days and 3.5 day weekends?

Would be difficult for families who have children in other schools

No I like the idea

I sincerely hope that the information collected through the survey is shared with faculty and staff to ensure transparency.

I think that many families have children who go to different schools and having different schedules will dissuade them from choosing PK.

no

Great idea! Count me in!

I'm not sure if you can teach old dogs new tricks but I'd like to learn more.

I think it would help prevent teacher burnout, and perhaps decrease teachers, taking leave to extend weekends as often

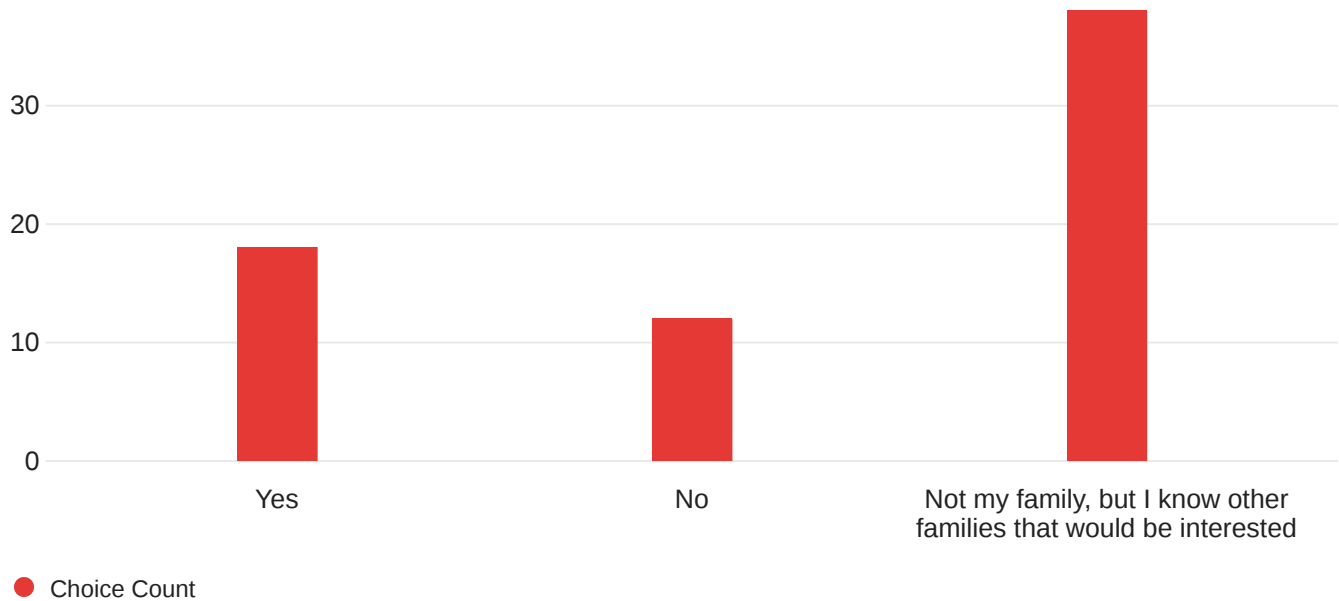
Great for Kids and Parents

n/a

teacher pay?

There is an evidence base for year round school benefiting students' learning

Q6 - Research reveals early literacy and numeracy is critical in a child's development. PK is investigating the feasibility and interest of implementing a preschool for 2024-2025. If PK offers preschool, would your family or other families be interested in attending?



Q7 - Are there other things that you'd like to share about a potential preschool at PK?

Are there other things that you'd like to share about a potential preschool at PK?

I think employees at PKY should get the first spots.

Great idea

No

Helpful for parents that work at PK so that they will have one drop off.

Where would you put them? There is no space.

No

benefits faculty as well as families of current/future students

This is and amazing opportunity for our PK community!!

NA

no

It's a great idea!

I think this is a critical need. By the time students get to us in kindergarten, we have lost a lot of ground already

n/a

I would love to see a behavior specialist (BCBA or RBT) working with the teachers to promote age-appropriate positive learning spaces, consistent expectations, and research-based interventions.

Preschool involves a more delicate/intense approach to all aspects of the wellbeing of children. The setting and personnel needs to be super experienced to take the responsibility and standards to excel as a PKY program. Worry about how the opportunities for the rest of the community is going to be managed regarding admissions to PKY elementary/demographics.

Wondering where it would be housed given the already tight learning spaces across campus.

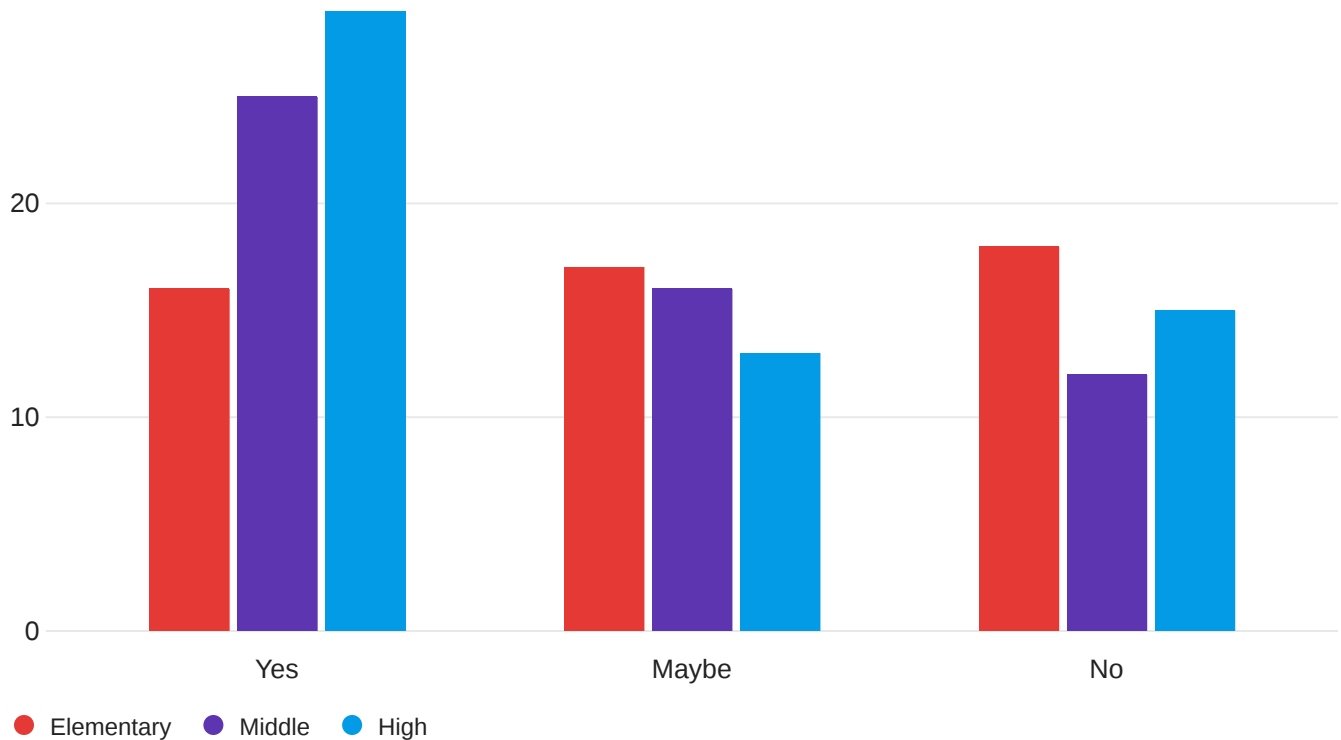
Stress on the PK systems - space (location?), drop-off/pick-up, etc.

none

Preschool is a community good and should be offered at a sliding scale.

You need to offer a PKY Pathway for Early Childhood Development

Q8 - Beginning in 2026-2027, middle and high schools will be required by state s...



Q9 - How would a later start time impact your workday?

How would a later start time impact your workday?

My day would end later, but I would have more prep time in the morning.

The later in the day the school day goes, the more fatigue students will feel later in the day. I do not have an issue with school starting at 8am

Not a good idea. Kids are better and more focused in the morning. Maybe not for HS, but I still think early is better.

It would help alleviate travel on busy roads and allow for a little later wake up at home.

Possible conflict schedule if I have to take classes at UF.

Doesn't leave enough time for outside appointments.

I would simply have a longer workday. many of our parents have students in multiple grade levels. those 6-12 kids would have no benefit starting later.

More traffic.

It would give me more time to watch the sun rise in the morning, but less time to run errands after work. Since most businesses operate on 9-5 hours.

perhaps less traffic in the morning

Not much

The capacity of elementary students decrease as the day progresses. An "afternoon slump," is commonly observed among elementary students. We want to maximize student engagement and instructional time.

This would be beneficial to my work day. I could sleep more or have more planning before the day starts.

I would then prefer to still begin earlier and have planning/meetings before school.

A later start time would cause traffic delays as we would be trying to get to school at the same time as others getting to work. We already have parents trying to drop students off extremely early so they can get to work. I think that this start time would put a further hardship on those families. I think that students would not gain any benefit because the change in time would cause a longer commute, and they would end up having to leave just as early as before.

It would not impact my workday.

Not at all really.

It would not impact of my day

more morning planning time :)

Because I am k-12, it would be helpful if elementary, middle, and high school started at the same time.

Q10 - Please provide additional comments, if you wish.

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No additional comments

None

none

Maybe schedule the squirmy students to have PE/recess at the end of the day? Also, maybe look into mid-day siestas?

I think that it would have been nice to have these ideas brought to faculty in a different way.

Thank you for asking for our feedback.

N/A

n/a

These sound like great, research-based initiatives to help improve students' engagement and learning.

We should explore 4 days (formal) school week; As other countries are testing this model which allows 1 day per week for exploring projects, completing assignments, and tutoring/support. Less stressful structure for students and teachers.

Thanks for exploring these options and asking for our feedback. Please share a summary in some formal way so that we continue to give feedback. If decisions are made that "seem" contrary to what we thought was the general pulse, then we begin questioning the process and those in power. Thanks for all you do! -Chuck

If year round isn't supported, a 4 day school week could be good too. Opportunities for extra support (tier 2 or 3 support) or clubs on 'off' day, or for HS students to work or do internships/shadowing/service hours. For younger kids, could have a blue wave after school partnership. Some of our HS kids may even want to help for their volunteer or work hours.

Might ruin family reunions for me, which are usually late July.

na

Year-round school will be a disaster for our school. Not to mention parents who may have students at other schools as well. This will throw us into utter turmoil. Please do not do this.

Year round schooling would be terrific if there were required field trips and TLE (temporary learning elsewhere) even on the grounds of UF. We have to be creative in making year round schooling appealing for the students.

The later we start, the more students will miss when leaving early for extracurriculars

n/a

N/A

I hope leadership is engaging openly and actively with groups including the FPC and the SAC about these topics. They would be significant changes and have far reaching impacts that can only be anticipated by engaging with as many different people from as many different constituencies as possible.