

Kimberly School District Pros/Cons for FY24 School Calendar

Early Start

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of 1st semester coincides with Christmas break.• Benefit Migrant students who leave at Christmas can take finals before leaving.• Teachers have more time to teach course material prior to high stakes testing (ASVAB, ISAT, Etc.)• The academic calendar aligns with the sports calendar.• At risk students may be more aware of extra-curricular opportunities• Calendar lines up with other neighboring districts. Many staff members have children attending school outside of Kimberly. This would help teachers align breaks with their students.• Students/Teacher will know sooner if students need to retake a course to get back on track. Courses can be retaken through IDLA and guaranteed a spot if they register early.• Lines up with CSI finals schedules & Senior finals• Transfer students from other districts won't have the semester lag when registering for KSD right after Christmas break—• More predictable registration for transfer students.• SPED – learning retention over Christmas break would not have as great of an impact as finals would have already been completed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second week of school is 5 days – more difficult to ease into schedules especially at the elementary level• Many families take time off of school for Twin Falls County Fair – this has an academic impact when curriculum is already being taught vs. Teach-To's• Teacher retention – May lose teachers due to the shortened summer break in 2023. (One year impact)• Many families travel during early August – students may not be at school during beginning week(s)• Timing between registration and start of school can create challenges when there is still staff movement taking place• Families less likely to be prepared to register in July making class assignments unpredictable• Students that are behind won't have time over Christmas break to get caught up.• Difficult to have buildings ready for students (custodial, maintenance, food service)• Teacher PD would be in early July for Elementary teachers• State tournaments would be the last week of school• Graduation may take place after students/teachers last day

Current (late) Start

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better timing between registration and the first day of school – families are back in town. (staff/new students) • Later start but for the next 5 years students will still be done in May • Starting after Twin allows for more accuracy in registering/dropping students • Idaho weather tends to be nicer in August than in May • Secretaries/Admin won't have to come back as early in July • More time to get buildings ready for students • More time for DO to get books closed for previous year and open for new year. • Allow for (3) 4-day weeks for students – helps to ease back into school • Less impact from families attending the Fair • Students have time to get caught up over Christmas break if they are behind • Academic/Athletic calendars are offset allowing student/teachers to ease back into school • Week of “town” while TFSD is in session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 2 days after Memorial Day, many students miss these days. • Late start impacts ISAT scores negatively for secondary students due to a drawn-out school year • End of 1st semester doesn't coincide with Christmas break • Migrant students may miss taking finals, causing them to not earn credit for courses • Less academic curriculum being taught in 2nd semester due to high stakes testing • Academic and sports calendar do not start/end together • Students behind in courses may not know soon enough to register for IDLA classes to stay on track • Gap weeks for transfer students (up to 10 days in January) • Less predictable for transfer students • SPED – learning loss over Christmas break may impact 1st semester finals