

## How Nebo School District Calendars Are Created

Every year Nebo School District is asked a variety of questions regarding the calendar for the upcoming school year. The calendar is approved by the Board of Education (elected officials) after feedback is received from students, parents, and employees via an online survey.

It is human nature to want the calendar to fit our own specific individual needs and expectations, but reality has taught us that the variety of needs and wants are innumerable and that pleasing everyone is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Following are just a few of the comments that we received on our most recent calendar survey:

- That school start as late in August as possible,
- that school not start until after Labor Day,
- that we give a full week off for Fall Break,
- that we give a full week off for Thanksgiving,
- that we give two weeks off for Christmas,
- that two weeks off for Christmas is too long,
- that we give a full week off for Spring Break,
- that Spring Break is too early in the year,
- that school not continue in to June,
- that school not continue past Memorial Day,
- that we should never have more than a week off because parents have jobs and they can't find anyone to tend their children,
- that we should have a longer summer vacation,
- that we should get out before Memorial Day and end summer after Labor Day, and
- that we have too many breaks and that students should be in school more.

It goes without saying that pleasing everyone is virtually impossible. Yet, please know that we will do our best to address as many requests as possible while abiding by the state law of 180 required school days.

If you would like to give input regarding the creation of our next calendar, please look for a survey that will be sent to all stakeholders in the Spring. We will build two to three calendars from the feedback we receive. We will then send a second survey in the fall allowing students, parents, and employees to pick the calendar they most prefer. The calendar with the highest percentage of approval will be presented to the School Board (publicly elected officials) for final approval.