

WORKS WELL

- 3 day weekends are nice
- allow students more time for jobs
- allow students on Thurs = slow start Fri
- late night sports on Thurs = slow start Fri
- convenient to have a weekday for travel
- shorter summer = loss of learning
- many families travel @ Christmas
- a week @ Spring Break works for travel/breaks
- consider two full days of conferences (noon-8) to provide evening hours for families (without classes 8-12)
- recruitment tool for new, highly qualified staff

Challenges

- parents have 5 day ^{work} weeks
- different as kids get older
- intent for a weekday for dentist, doctor, etc appts can be hampered when those offices are also closed.
- attendance (students + staff) can be low when there is school on Fridays
- older students take care of younger siblings on Fridays
- shorter summer = shorter vacation
- many families travel a full week @ Thanksgiving anyway
- June graduation means there is no extra day for travel
- many people extend 3 day holiday weekends
- staff have less opportunities to supplement their incomes with summer jobs
- students also have fewer days for summer jobs