

PARENT FAQ

- **Q: Why is Cityscape Schools considering a 4-day school week?**
A: The primary reasons are to retain and attract quality teachers; improve student well-being; give back family time; improve school life balance for employees; and improve student outcomes.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, what days would students be out of school?**
A: Under a 4-day school week, students would attend school Monday-Thursday. Students would be off most Fridays with a few exceptions that are identified on the school calendar.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week would it cause us to go to school later in the year?**
A: No. We would still end the school year near the usual time of year.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week would the school day be longer?**
A: Yes. A 4-day school week would extend the school day by approximately 1 hour.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day week will it shorten our holidays or breaks during the year?**
A: No. There would be no changes to existing breaks, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, why would students be out on Fridays and not on Mondays?**
A: Districts who implement a 4-day school week have found that Fridays off, better meet the needs of students and families.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would students lose instructional time?**
A: No. Texas measures instructional time by minutes rather than days. Students would still attend the full 75,600 minutes required by the State of Texas without sacrificing any learning time for students.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would tutoring be available?**
A: Cityscape Schools would still offer a Friday Foresight Camp which would include tutoring, instructional support acceleration, and enrichment camp-like activities on Fridays. Friday Foresight Camp would be free to all Cityscape School students and families.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, what would be the start and end times at my school?**
A: The bell schedule would vary by grade level.

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- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would school be open on Fridays for students?**
A: Yes, **many parents work, and day care is very expensive.** Therefore, Cityscape Schools would provide at **NO COST** to parents a **Foresight Friday Camp** for student learning opportunities, enrichment activities (sports, art, music, e-sports, karate, dance, etc.). Cityscape Schools would also provide at **NO COST** to parents after-school (Monday–Thursday).
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would meals be available on Fridays?**
A: Yes, for students who would attend Foresight Friday Camp breakfast, lunch and a snack would be provided.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would snacks be provided in the afternoon?**
A: Yes, snacks would be provided in the afternoon on school days.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, how would it affect extracurricular activities on Fridays (games, etc.)?**
A: All extracurricular activities would proceed as normal.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, how would it affect academic performance?**
A: Schools who have moved to a 4-day school week have shown similar academic performance compared to a 5-day school week while improving the well-being of students and staff. Meanwhile, a 4-day school week would allow more time in the school calendar for targeted assistance for students throughout the school year to improve student outcomes.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would students have to make up days due to inclement weather or other campus closures?**
A: As normal, two makeup days would be scheduled at the end of the school year, if needed.
- **Q: If a 4-day school week would be implemented, would it save money?**
A: No. Moving to a 4-day school week is budget-neutral.
- **Q: If Cityscape Schools moves to a 4-day school week, would athletic events still be held on Fridays?**
A: Yes. Athletic and other extracurricular events would take place as scheduled. The coaches/sponsors would communicate what time students need to be at the school on Fridays.