

“4-Day Option” Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it legal?

Olfen ISD’s 4-Day Option is within the parameters of House Bill 2610, so the answer is yes.

2. What if the 4 days per week does not fit my schedule?

Olfen ISD will continue to offer transportation and provide tutoring/enrichment classes five days per week (except for holidays).

3. How much longer are the school days?

In our case our normal school day has been extended by a total of 25 minutes. School begins at 7:55am and ends at 3:58pm.

4. Why have schools not done this in the past?

Previously the state of Texas required public schools to operate for a total of 180 days per school year. Last legislative session schools were granted more flexibility when total minutes replaced days. Districts must provide a total of 75,600 minutes. Olfen’s 4-Day Option calendar provides a total of 77,289 minutes.

5. What about bad weather days?

Bad weather days are already built into the total minutes of the 2016-2017 calendar, thus the 77,289 minutes.

6. Can I choose which day to use as the day off for my child?

Unfortunately the optional day is set in stone and is usually on Friday although this may vary.

7. Why do some of the weeks on calendar not have an the optional day?

This is intentional, for instance the first week of school consists of all five days in order to get the students situated and familiar with their teachers. In addition, a few weeks before state assessments take place the students must attend all five days in order to prepare.

8. Will all teachers and staff be present on the optional days?

The optional days are regular work days for teachers and staff. So unless an employee uses a personal/sick day they are required to work on optional days.