

Dear Future Glenbrook Families,

Each spring, the District 225 Board of Education adopts a school calendar that allows the schools and the school community to plan well in advance. The 2017-2018 school calendar was adopted last spring. We are now in the process of gathering input to develop a calendar and make a recommendation to the District 225 Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year. The district administration normally develops a school calendar for consideration by the Board of Education that is based on the [School Calendar Preparation Guidelines](#) posted on the District 225 website. This year, the administration is considering two calendar types. The first is a “traditional” calendar and the second is a “collegiate” calendar.

#### Traditional Calendar

A “traditional” calendar would begin in late August and ends in early June of the following year. Final exams are administered in January following the winter break. The adopted District 225 calendar for the 2017-2018 school year is a “traditional” calendar and will begin for students on Wednesday, August 23 and end on Wednesday, June 6.

#### Collegiate Calendar

A “collegiate” calendar would begin in early to mid-August and end in late May of the following year. First semester final exams, as well as the end of the first semester would take place prior to winter break.

#### Comparison of Calendar Drafts

The table below is a comparison of a traditional calendar and a collegiate calendar. The dates listed are for comparative purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the dates of the final adopted calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

	<b>Traditional School Calendar</b>	<b>Collegiate School Calendar</b>
Start of school for teachers	Monday, August 20	Thursday, August 9
Start of school for students	Wednesday, August 22	Monday, August 13
End of first quarter	Friday, October 26	Friday, October 12
Thanksgiving break	Wednesday, November 21 - Friday, November 23	Wednesday, November 21 - Friday, November 23
Last day before winter break for students	Friday, December 21	Thursday, December 20
Institute Day (Grading Day) for teachers	Friday, January 18	Friday, December 21
Return from winter break	Monday, January 7	Monday, January 7

Start of second semester	Thursday, January 22	Monday, January 7
End of 3rd quarter	Friday, March 22	Friday, March 8
Spring break	Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29	Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29 or TBD
Graduation day	Sunday, June 2	Sunday, May 19
Last day of school for students	Wednesday, June 5	Thursday, May 23
Last day of school for teachers	Thursday, June 6	Friday, May 24

### Current Trend

An increasing number of high school districts in our area have adopted a “collegiate” calendar. At the present time, the following area high school districts either have, or will be following a “collegiate” calendar:

- District 125 (Stevenson)
- District 128 (Libertyville / Vernon Hills)
- District 207 (Maine)
- District 211 (Palatine)
- District 214 (Arlington Heights)
- District 219 (Niles)
- District 220 (Barrington)

### Impact on Athletics

The IHSA athletic calendar is established in conjunction with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA). The calendar is determined by counting weeks beginning with the first full week in July. The primary concern at the present time is the starting dates for Football and all other fall sports. Football may begin on the Monday of Week 6 and all other fall sports may begin on Wednesday of Week 6. The athletic calendar will remain the same regardless whether the district follows a “traditional or a “collegiate” calendar. Here are the associated dates:

- Football: (2016 - August 8); (2017 - August 7); (2018 - August 6)
- All other fall sports: (2016 - August 10); (2017 - August 9); (2018 - August 8)

According to the data shared with the District 225 Board of Education in May 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year, approximately 1441 students out of a population of 5059, or 28.5% of the district student population participated in a fall sport and would be home for the start of school on a “collegiate” calendar. The only negative cited would be a loss of total practice time (two-a-days) prior to the start of school by the fall athletic teams. This would be the same condition for all area high school teams starting on a “collegiate” calendar.

It is important to note that athletic contest scheduling has become a concern recently for winter sports as many area high schools have changed to a “collegiate” calendar. Schools on a “collegiate” calendar are not available to participate in athletic contests one week prior to winter break due to final exams and schools following a “traditional” calendar are not available to participate for one week after winter break for the same reason. This results in one less week being available for scheduling athletic events between schools on different calendar types.

#### Impact on Feeder Elementary Districts

The “traditional” school calendar adopted by District 225 has served as the base for the feeder elementary school calendars for many years. Each of the feeder districts has its own calendar nuances, including the number of days that students are in attendance. In general, although each district may elect to start and end on different calendar days, the feeder elementary districts try to set a school calendar that is close to that of the high school district to keep families together as much as possible. For the last few years, the possible transition to a “collegiate” calendar by the high school district has been discussed with the elementary feeder district superintendents. The Board of Education of each of the elementary feeder districts is responsible for the adoption of the school calendar for their district.

#### Impact on the Communities

There are a significant number of entities that will be affected by a change to an earlier start date in August. Primarily, these are entities that provide services to elementary and high school students during the summer months which include the park districts, libraries, and a variety of private camps. If a decision is made to transition to a “collegiate” calendar, it is important that the change be advertised as early as possible.

#### Input from Future Glenbrook Families

The District 225 administration is seeking input from the parents of future Glenbrook students (current 7th and 8th graders) who will be attending District 225 schools during the 2018-2019 school year. The input sought is regarding the District 225 school calendar for 2018-2019 school year.

Input from the parents of future Glenbrook students (current 7th and 8th graders) on the 2018-2019 school calendar is very important to the decision making process. A survey has been created to gather input and will be available to you from April 26th at 4pm to May 2nd at 4pm.

#### **Feeder District Parent Calendar 2018-2019 Survey Link:**

<http://tinyurl.com/feedbackCal2018>