

19. Some schools offer distance learning as an option for students to attend classes from home by way of videoconferencing or self-paced classes.

20. To conserve energy and resources, some businesses have adopted a four-day work week, with each day consisting of ten hours. Should your school follow this model by extending the school day two hours? After considering the benefits and disadvantages to a four-day school week, take a position on this issue. Support your response with reasons and examples.

Restate Prompt: Should schools adopt a 4 day school week by extending each day by 2 hours?

Thesis statement: Schools in VBCPS should not follow the business world's four day work week due to its undeniably negative effects on student performance and family dynamics.

Benefits of 4 Day School Week

- Conserve energy and resources
- allow for extended weekends
- better morale for teachers and students (rest, relaxation)
- opportunity for extra hours at after school job, volunteering
- potentially fewer discipline issues
- improved school attendance
- potentially higher academic improvement: graduation rate
- extra time to complete hw and study over 3 day weekends

Disadvantages of 4 Day School Week

- day already too long, exhausting
- students home later following school, sports, and work
- less time for part time employment
- teachers still work 5 days
- extra child care costs for parents who work 5 day weeks
- day off = time to forget
- too dramatic of a change