

Greater Clark County Schools approves balanced calendar for 2013-2014 school year

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The Greater Clark Board of School Trustees approved a balanced calendar for the 2013-2014 school year at their meeting Tuesday evening, December 4.

School will start for students on Thursday, August 1, 2013 and the balanced calendar will allow for more frequent breaks during the school year and a slightly shorter summer break.

The balanced calendar will spread the school year over 10 months, with two week breaks occurring in the fall, winter, and spring to coincide with the end of each nine-week grading period.

The traditional fall and spring breaks will be combined with one-week intersession periods. Intersession periods will be used to target students in need of remediation and tied to the district's IMPACT initiative which identifies students in need of individualized academic or behavioral remediation.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Andrew Melin stated, "I'm confident moving to a balanced calendar will help enhance student achievement in the district, as well as reduce student absenteeism. A committee consisting of teachers, building level administrators, and central office administrators are working to finalize the district's approach to the intersessions and the possibility of offering enrichment activities, such as academic or sports camps, to students not in need of remediation."

The 2013-2014 school calendar is available by visiting the Greater Clark County Schools' website at www.gcs.k12.in.us.