

SAVE INDIANA SUMMERS

Please Support the 4th Monday in August School Start Date Included in SB 236

August School Days Are Costing Indiana...

- \$463.365 million in lost tourist spending.
- \$177.28 million in employee earnings.
- \$41.20 million in Indiana state taxes generated.
- \$11.83 million in local city and county taxes.
- 11,200 jobs.

When Did the 2011-12 School Year Begin for Indiana Students?

- **37 % began before August 16th.**
- **63 % began between August 16th and August 31st.**

Hoosiers Support a Uniform, 4th Monday in August School Start Date

- Seventy-eight percent of Hoosiers want school start date of the last week in August or later, according to the most recent and only scientifically conducted school start date public opinion poll, conducted by Survey USA.
- Sixty-two percent supported a uniform school start date for all Indiana K-12 public schools.

Later School Start Dates DO NOT Impede Academic Success

- The top ranking states on the 2011 ACT & SAT began later, on average, than Indiana schools. On the SAT Indiana ranked 39 out of 46 scores when looking at cumulative scores for all states and 11 out of 19 scores when looking only at states with a testing 60 percent of students or more. On the ACT Indiana ranked 13 out of 36.
- 2011 Advanced Placement ranking data shows the top 10 states, based on the percentage of students completing high school with at least one successful AP experience, began the school year later than Indiana students.
- When looking at the states with the greatest 10 year increase in scores only one of the states in the top 10 had a greater percentage of schools beginning prior to August 16 than Indiana.
- In comparing math and reading test scores on the NAEP for 4th and 8th graders in 2011, the vast majority of states scoring in the top 10 began the school year later than Indiana students while scoring higher.

Early-August School Start Dates Hurt Student Attendance - Students Can't Learn if not in School

- 26.19 % of Indianapolis Public Schools students were absent the first day of school on August 10, 2009.
- Starting the school year on August 26th gave Hammond Public Schools a first day of school attendance rate of 99.32%.

It Costs Less to Cool Schools in May than August...

- Indianapolis Public Schools spent \$103,131 more to cool their schools in August 2009 than in May 2010.
- Clark-Pleasant Community Schools spent \$22,952 more to cool classrooms in August 2009 than May 2010.
- South Spencer county paid \$28,398 in energy costs during August 2009 than May 2010.