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Elementary Specific Data - Parents - Theme Analysis October 2025 Survey

Theme / Mention	Total # of Responses	Survey Response Count	% of Responses
Full week fall break preferred	318	38	11%
Short break / long weekend sufficient		28	8%
Mental / stress break needed for students		44	13%
Family time / travel / vacation opportunities		54	16%
Childcare / working parent challenges		46	14%
Parent-teacher conferences timing appreciated		6	1%
Calendar alignment with Texas A&M / other districts		9	2%
Break disrupts routine / schedule		12	3%
Indifferent / neutral		7	2%

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Parent Feedback about Fall Break

Secondary Specific Data - Parents - Theme Analysis October 2025 Survey

Theme / Mention	Total # of Responses	Count	% of Total Responses
Full week fall break / preference for entire week	452	49	10%
Bryan ISD / BISD as example		7	1%
TAMU / A&M calendar alignment		18	4%
Band / football / extracurricular conflicts		26	6%
Childcare / work conflicts		22	5%
Mental / stress break needed for kids		56	12%
Family time / vacation opportunities		44	9%
Short break / long weekend sufficient		21	5%
Calendar scheduling / disruptive timing		19	4%
Medical / appointments		9	1%
No opinion / indifferent		15	3%

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Combined Elementary & Secondary Parent Responses from October 2025 Survey

Theme	Theme Response #	Total Responses	% of Total Responses
Full week fall break / preference for entire week	87	770	11%
Childcare / work conflicts	68		8%
Family time / vacation opportunities	98		12%
Short break / long weekend sufficient	49		6%
Calendar scheduling / disruptive timing	31		4%

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Fall break is necessary for the wellbeing of the teachers
The stretch from Labor Day to Thanksgiving is too long for teachers and students

4.5 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 5 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 1 star empty.

I feel like both the kids and the teacher really need a fall break.
Around that time, all of the kids start to feel really tired and in my personal opinion need a rest so they can come back refreshed.

4.5 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 5 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 1 star empty.

I feel staff and students need the breaks.
This is important so that staff and students won't experience a burn out a lot quicker.

4.4 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

October is a hard month for both Staff and Students.
I think a fall break gives everyone on campus to have a bit of a breather before Thanksgiving break.

4.4 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

Fall break is needed
We need the break as teachers during the year more than 2 extra days in the summer.

4.4 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

The 1st 9 weeks are the hardest weeks of the year. It's very helpful to have a fall break.

4.4 ★★★★★ (20 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

I liked the break
Breaks are needed for teachers and students

4.4 ★★★★★ (24 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

I believe a fall break is needed because it makes the month of October longer if we do not have a break. It also allows staff time with their family.

4.4 ★★★★★ (22 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

It is a long time from Labor Day to Thanksgiving. I know I certainly appreciated being off a couple of days in October.
Time off gives me a chance to be with family and take care of things that have been put aside since the summer. I can think and plan for school.

4.4 ★★★★★ (22 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

Students, families, and staff appreciate a fall break as many districts are moving to this calendar.
It's important because it allows the long month of October to be broken up. Consider a full week as many districts are in Texas.

4.4 ★★★★★ (22 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 4 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

I like the break

4.3 ★★★★★ (27 &)

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At the point in the fall break, the honeymoon phase is over and we are in the middle of the 2nd 6 weeks so its a good time to tie off any loose ends.
Recharge teachers' batteries, reflect, play catch up on grading or lesson planning

4.3 ★★★★★ (24 &)

A star rating chart showing 4 stars fully filled, 3 stars partially filled, and 2 stars empty.

screen shot from the College Station ISD YouTube channel showing the results of a statewide survey of the length of fall break in 181 districts around Texas.

Fall Break Days		% of All 181 Districts
Total 5 Days	29	15.93%
Total 4 Days	2	1.10%
Total 3 Days	13	7.14%
Total 2 Days	34	18.68%
Total 1 Day	75	41.21%
Total 0 Days	29	15.93%



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