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SUMMIT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please list any best practices and strategies you **have implemented in the past two to three years** to reduce lost school time for your students and travel for your activity programs.

St. Stephens

- In the past two years we have worked to try and schedule games later in the day to help decrease lost school time. Living in Wyoming, it is hard to eliminate long trips.

Jackson Hole

- We have cut basketball games in order to not play during the week.
- We have scheduled our longer events for before we start school.
- We fill Saturdays first before we consider a Tuesday.
- We combine busses with groups if possible.
- We move game times to starting later in the day if possible to increase school time.
- We no longer leave early for state/regional events.
- We look for schools in ID to play that are closer.
- We have hosted state events to keep our students in school.
- We have made proposals to the WHSAA that will reduce travel.
- We modified our school calendar to accommodate “high impact Fridays” to have no school when we have lots of students absent for activities.

Encampment

- The district has gone to a modified 4 day school week.
- Activities are only scheduled on Thursday evening Friday or Saturday. If circumstances require an activity to be scheduled Monday-Wednesday, it is set at a time that will not affect class time.
- Each activity and sports group is only allowed X amount of contests per season with only one overnight stay.
- Do a better job with scheduling to help minimize travel time.

Lyman

- Lyman has a 4 day school week, so that really helps with school being missed for High School students. We try to have all of our activities on Friday and Saturday. If we do have a weekday event we make sure it is with a close opponent (Mt. View (6miles), Kemmerer, Evanston, etc...) so maybe just the last hour of school is missed. The only time we are missing full days or half days of school are for Regional and State events that are on Thursday or we have to travel all-day Thursday(State Swim Gillette) to get to the event that starts on a Friday morning.

Meeteetse

- Lost time (protection of instruction)
- No activities until Thursday at 4 pm.
- Limited Friday contests in order to protect instructional time.
 - Not scheduling away contests that would require departure from school.
 - Football is a different story due to limited contests available throughout the season.
- Setting expectation to coaches and transportation that we protect our instructional time.
 - All activities need to be approved by the principal if they are only offered on a limited basis.

- I.e. FFA judging practices, ACA, Deca, Art Symposium, Culminating Events
- Upholding expectations of the superintendent and school board
- Reduced Travel
- Combining conferences in the NW with Junior High athletics. This allows for teams to get more contests that are closer
- Hosting triangular
- Allowing other teams to use our facilities
 - Hosting two visiting teams i.e. Riverside vs Greybull @ Meeteetse
 - Regional non-conference opponents for HS Sports

Sundance

- Stopped traveling to Lusk for a basketball tournament and started attending a tournament in Upton.
- We limit our track travel to 100 miles one way with the exception of regional, state and the Wyoming Track Classic.
- Our boys' and girls' basketball teams travel together whenever possible.
- When the 1A/2A regional track meet is not combined with 3A/4A we start at noon on Friday to limit a night in a motel.
- The 2A East regional wrestling tournament has gone to a 1 day event.

South

- I have seen multiple levels being played on the same trip. This way all levels make the trip once, rather than making the lower levels make a separate trip. This way a student that participates on multiple levels doesn't have to miss school on more than one occasion.

Big Horn

- Since 1984, we've maintained a four day week with the expectation that school is only missed for culminating events.
- We strive hard not to play any contests on Monday-Wednesday and only home contests on Thursday so we can protect our instructional time.
- Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball teams share a bus and travel together.
- We travel together with Tongue River High School when possible. (ie... golf, indoor track, track & field).

Arapaho Charter

- At the 9-12 level this has little impact on Arapaho Charter High School due to the nature of our school and the very limited number of activities that we currently engage in. However at the middle school level it is more of a concern. To address this we try to limit travel to surrounding schools, provide most core course offerings in the morning and early afternoon to reduce the number of absences from these areas and host/attend Saturday tournaments.

DECA

- DECA has moved our conference to a Monday-Tuesday format. State is set up for schools to come in on Sunday for registration so we can start first thing on Monday morning. This allows us to finish Tuesday in time for schools to return home (this is important for Evanston). Our fall conference is a noon registration with a finish the following day after lunch. We have a small group so we consider all chapters in decisions we make. Evanston cannot travel past a certain time in the evening. Our two state conferences are held one in Cheyenne and one in Casper every year and rotated every two years as to who hosts our fall leadership and who hosts our state.

Cokeville

- Our AD works hard to schedule activities that impact school time the least. At the HS level this has been easier than our middle school. Our 4-day school week has helped our seat time for students, with having more of our activities on Fridays and Saturdays.

Dubois

- Most activity trips are scheduled on Fridays. Middle school is an issue but we try to schedule either Thursday as late as possible or the other teams come here on the other weekdays.

Upton

- We allow only one full day per week for students to miss for a specific athletic team and up to one more ½ day. In the past, we had allowed more travel.
- We have worked to schedule our sports events and other events after the school day when possible as well as on weekends if possible.
- We work to use sponsors as drivers when possible, especially when a suburban can be used in order to save the cost of large bus fuel as well as the cost of a driver.
- We work to have boys and girls teams ride the same bus if they are attending the same event and would consider MS and HS teams if that was also the case.

Kaycee

- Kaycee schools have been on a 4 day school week for two years now. This has cut down lost school time considerably. Only during culminating events can our students take time out of their day for activities. We make a great effort to schedule all our activities Thursday evening through Saturday evening, so very minimal school time is lost.

Burns

- We went to the 4 day school week. Doing our very best to schedule sports on Friday and Saturday only. Hard to do with JV football and JH but have drastically changed our schedule to accommodate the 4 day week. We have moved a lot of lower level football to Saturday morning.

Laramie

- Swim – Double Duals for home & Cheyenne meets; swim another team when going to invites on a Saturday. Start meets after school at home dates on school nights.
- Track – mostly Saturday.
- Indoor Track – Saturday unless can't get UW facilities on Saturday, then move to Friday.
- Basketball – Start games after school at home dates on school nights (3 start times, not 4)
- Wrestling – Start duals after school at home dates on school nights.
- Leave school on natural breaks in class schedules.

Burlington

- We have moved start times back so we are not missing any class. We used to miss the last hour of school quite often, but not anymore.
- We have set distances with how far we are able to go on a school night.

Pinedale

- Shortened Friday schedule to minimize lost instructional time to activity travel.
- Scheduled, to the extent possible, contests on weekends to minimize lost instructional time to activity travel.
- Scheduled freshman basketball contests on the same nights at JV and Varsity contests to minimize lost instructional time to activity travel.

Riverside

- Football we schedule sub-varsity games on Saturdays.
- Volleyball we schedule 95% of competition on Fridays and Saturdays.
 - Thursday with teams w/in 20miles.
- Basketball we schedule 95% of competition on Fridays and Saturdays.
 - Thursday with teams w/in 20miles.
 - On trips in the basin we have boys and girls varsity & jv on one (1) bus.
- Track we schedule 95% of competitions on Fridays and Saturdays.
- All freshman level games are played in the basin and are limited to one (1) per week. So, travel does not exceed one hour. Games are scheduled after 5pm so students can leave after the school day.

Mountain View

- Two years ago the 3A west activity directors voted to split up the 3A west conference for boys and girls basketball into two quadrants. The 3A west no-longer requires that all 8 teams play each other in a home and home series every year, but they are required to play a home and home series every other year. This reduced travel overall and allowed MV to play two closer games.

- In 2016 Mountain View and Lyman will be hosting a basketball tournament for 8 southwest Wyoming teams (MV, LY, KR, GR, FAR, BP, COKE, and Lander). This reduces overall travel expenditures for 7 of the 8 schools involved.
- For the 2016 basketball season, MV has scheduled some of the freshman games on the same days as the JV and Varsity. This will lessen overall travel by getting rid of 2 to 4 trips.
- Our track teams travels into Utah for numerous track meets. Most of these track meets are closer in proximity than meets hosted by Wyoming schools that are not in the Southwest portion of the state.
- In 2014 we replaced the Battle of the Big Horns wrestling tournament with the Kemmerer Invitational, thus getting rid of one overnight wrestling trip.

Glenrock

- Cut out one overnight trip in each activity.
- No meals for students – except for culminating events. Students must pack their lunch or bring money for food.
- If numbers dictate – we cut varsity contests.

Cody

- At Cody we have gone to scheduling double-header VB and BB games at the middle school level on Saturday's to eliminate an extra trip during the week and not miss more school. We have reorganized our middle school conference to help with travel distances. We have tried to schedule activities at times that will help our kids stay in school longer but with the teams we must play it limits what we can do. We always try and limit our lost school time but with the distances and requirements we face in our conference structure makes it very difficult to make many changes in some activities.

Greybull

- AD to schedule as many events as possible for Friday and Saturday. We have early release Fridays for PD (students are done at 1:30 p.m.). Downside is we lost a lot of coaches for Friday PD – that is better than losing class time.
- Limit the number of speech events; host our own speech event and encourage local districts to do the same. Speech students miss more class time than any other activity.
- We only send one bus for football and a MPV. Due to numbers we still send one bus each for girls and boys basketball.

Powell

- We have tried to keep underclassmen students in class by not scheduling as many events for them during the week. Rarely do we travel more than three hours with our freshmen teams.
- We have tried to schedule longer road trips on Fridays. Generally speaking, we play Lander, Douglas, etc. on Saturdays instead of pulling students out of school on Fridays.
- We have tried to send our track team to Saturday meets whenever feasible.
- We have changed our conference bylaws in basketball so that our teams are only required to play teams in the SW part of the conference once instead of twice, saving us one long, overnight trip each season.
- We have sent our cheerleaders with our basketball teams when they travel to area games instead of sending them on their own bus.
- Our golf team takes a suburban to just about every contest.
- We have resisted the move by many football teams in our conference to play JV games on the Saturday following varsity games, saving us from having to stay overnight.
- When possible, I carpool with other AD's to district and conference meetings.

Evanston

- Scheduling more events on Saturdays. Specifically in the middle school and lower level high school programs.
- We combine groups that are going to the same location, if the numbers do not exceed bus capacity.
- Scheduling events later in the day to limit classroom disruptions.

Lander Valley

- Moved most week day games to Friday and Saturday.

- Stay overnight on weekend trips instead of having home and away games.
- Move freshman football to Fridays to reduce a bus on away games.
- Increased number of riders before requesting additional buses.

Pine Bluffs

- Implementing the 4 day week has cut our bus routes by 1/5.
- We have eliminated more out of school time by scheduling more events on Fridays and/or later in the day.
- Almost all sub-varsity contests are within 60 miles or held in a quad tournament format on Saturdays.

H.E.M.

- Combined JH and HS football teams onto one bus.
- Combined the HS girls and boys basketball teams on one bus.
- Combined the HS girls and boys track teams on one bus.
- Have combined with Saratoga on some JH wrestling trips.
- Have tried to schedule away games on Fridays and Saturdays – we are on a modified 4 day week so we don't have regular busses running on most Fridays.

Laramie County #1

- Scheduled later start times for competitions so as to reduce frequency of early school dismissals.
- Rescheduled sub-varsity competitions between non-conference competitors who were within closer proximity.
- Reduced number of alternate players and/or participants (team managers, statisticians, etc.) for out-of-district competitions.
- Scheduled more competitions on Saturdays.
- Combined travel itineraries and accommodations of sub-varsity teams from different schools.

Sweetwater County #1

- Tightened up departure times from coach's requests (lost school time).
- Set parameters on return time (midnight / 1:00 a.m. with circumstances).
- Share bus for local competition with more than one sports/activity.
- Share bus with schools within district for travel to sport/activity.
- Submitting activity bus requests well in advance to help with scheduling.
- Eliminated travel to distant tournaments for the purpose of playing/scouting teams outside our region.
- Separating gender on a single bus rather than taking two gender specific busses.

FCCLA

- Fall Conference is in Casper, trying to be centrally located making travel time as easy as possible for as many schools as possible.
- State Convention starts at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and ends at 1:00 on Friday, allowing schools time to travel that day instead of coming the night before when possible.
- We have tried to minimize the number of state events, only having two throughout the year. Fall conference is only one day. State Convention is only three, so the total number of days missed for most students is only four!

Fremont County #6

- Combine distant competitions into a single trip (i.e. Big Piney & Kemmerer).
- Worked to get restaurants to comp bus driver meals.
- Take one bus for the boys and girls team if competition is in county.
- Middle school and youth in county games with start times so no early release from school.
- Seeking to find non-conference games closer to home.

Rawlins

- Scheduled more middle school games with schools in the county (Saratoga, Hanna, LSRV and Encampment).
- Schedule duals / triangular on Saturdays.
- School field trips have been limited and leave at a later time in the school day.

Niobrara County

- Longer road trips for basketball are played on Saturday.
- High Activity Days built into the calendar.
- Majority of our contests are played on Friday and Saturday.

Wheatland

- Made changes to our daily schedule.
- Early out of Friday.
- Reduction of overnight trips/contests (i.e. changing tournaments, dropping tournaments for home/away non-conference games).
- Moved our track meet to Saturday.
- Began conversation with conference about moving gold tournaments to Friday/Saturday or go to a 1 day tournament format.
- Discussion in-conference about making wrestling and track regional events 1 day.
- Traveling as a district when possible.

Thermopolis

- We have made an emphasis to move as many events to Saturdays as possible (such as our cross country meets).
- Our district uses a 4.5 day week which allows for games on Friday afternoons without missing school time.
- If weekday games are necessary, we try to schedule them as late as possible and schedule only with schools that are in close proximity to us such as Worland and Shoshoni.
- In the NWD, requests have been made to hold a speech meet if your school offers speech. This will help cut down on long days of travel.
- Being central to the western half of the state, we try to provide tournaments for each activity to help with other schools drive time and out of school time.

Weston County #1

- Stop applying the words, “Don’t Worry”, it is 100% reimbursed.
- Looking at possible move to the Black Hills Conference.

Midwest

- Our junior high volleyball and basketball plays 2 games on Saturdays, which cuts travel by two trips.
150 x 2 = 300 miles
- Our junior high football travels with the high school – usually 3-4 away games.
- Our high school boys and girls basketball teams travel together when applicable. 5-7 games
- Limiting travel to places with 60 miles during weekdays.
- Trying to accommodate other schools’ needs when it comes to travel and out of school time.