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## Career center OKs new calendar for next year

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The Central Nine Career Center has approved a new calendar for next year that will start earlier and end later than usual and include longer breaks throughout the school year.

The career center's board voted 6-2 to approve a new calendar for the 2012-13 school year. Classes will begin Aug. 8 and end May 30. The new calendar includes a full week off for fall break and two weeks off for winter and spring breaks, director Stephen Hagen said.

The career center began considering the new calendar after schools in Marion County that send students to Central Nine approved similar ones. Board members Carol Tumey and Chris Wood, who represent Center Grove and Franklin schools, respectively, voted against the new calendar, citing concerns over how the change will impact career center students from their districts, Hagen said.

Five of Johnson County's six public school districts are considering adopting similar calendars. But Center Grove won't adopt a new calendar until the 2013-14 school year at the earliest, and Franklin has no immediately plans to change its calendar.

Center Grove and Franklin superintendents Rich Arkanoff and David Clendening said earlier this month they didn't expect a new calendar at the career center would create big scheduling problems for students in their districts who attend Central Nine.

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*Five of Johnson County's six public school districts are considering changing their calendars, in part to accommodate the changes being made by the Central Nine Career Center. Here is what's being considered:*

**Center Grove:** Is polling parents and residents to see how they feel about changing the calendar for the 2013-14 school year.

**Clark-Pleasant:** Is considering changing its calendar and has several informational meetings planned this month and next month for parents.

**Edinburgh:** Will survey parents within the next few weeks to see whether they're interested in altering the district's calendar.

**Franklin:** Isn't considering changing its calendar at this time.



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