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Arcadia unified school district calendar

Photo: shutterstock.comNo need for children to understand that good public schools support the value of homes in their area. And while higher quality schools are usually accompanied by higher property taxes, homeowners in such areas are eventually paid back through a higher home sale price. Paying back sounds great, but how much are we talking about? New research from Realtor.com shows that for entering a desirable school district, 9% of buyers say they will pay 11% to 20% over budget. Separately, 17% say they would pay extra to be close enough for their children to walk to and from school. Related: 7 Renovation Tips to Boost Resale ValueIn a showdown between adult amenities and education for children, you guessed it: kids win. Realtor.com found that 62% of buyers would pass up a home spa if it meant getting in the right school district. 50% would grant easy access to purchases, while 44% would give up space in the form of a bonus room. If the home you plan to sell is located in a highly coveted school district, do everything in your power to highlight that fact in all your real estate marketing materials. Many potential buyers are parents of children currently in the school system, so be sure to get the word out between neighbors and local friends. If you're buying a home, use a search tool that lets you filter by school district, as the boundaries of the area don't always align with city, village, and city lines. After all, you can't assume that your children will be assigned to attend the same school as the kids under the block or even next door. H. Armstrong Roberts/ClassicStock/ArchivePhotos/Getty Images To find the school district associated with any residential address in the United States, go to GreatSchools.org and enter the address in the interactive School District and Border Map. Then locate the name of the school district to get the district's phone number, and call the area for confirmation. After visiting GreatSchools.org to get the name of the area, visit the area's website. Many public school districts have interactive school finding apps that allow families to enter their home address and get a list of corresponding elementary, middle and high schools. At the very least, most have maps showing the boundary lines of the area. It is useful to take this step since school attendance areas can be shifted from year to year, so information collected by neighbors, realtors and other local sources may not be accurate. In addition, most state departments of education carry lists of each district in the state organized alphabetically by name, or numerically by region number, and often have maps showing boundary lines for each district. Here, you can also find area demographics, average test scores, school assessments and other useful information. As a final confirmation step, call the school and ask to speak to a registration specialist, who will help find the right school for every child in the family. A Maryland school district has turned into a Grinch that stole Christmas - or at least the Grinch that removed Christmas from the school calendar. The Montgomery County Board of Education, whose district borders the nation's capital, voted 7-1 this week to scrub references to Christmas, and all other religious holidays, from the published school calendar. Today The move was triggered in part by demands from Muslim leaders who asked schools to observe at least one of the Muslim holy days. The site is currently closed for several Jewish and Christian holidays, but next year, the Eid Al Adha Muslim holiday coincides with Yom Kippur on September 23, 2015, and Muslim leaders also asked to be recognized in the school calendar. With Tuesday's school board vote, students are still taking time off for the winter break in December, or spring break around Easter, as well as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which will now be listed as no school day. or cultural reasons, the region said in a statement after the meeting. The decision provoked a backlash in the Montgomery County school district among people who felt the school board went too far, or simply failed to handle the issue properly. Merry Eisner-Heidorn, who has two children in a high school district, called the situation the latest absurdity by the school board. He said that while there is value in the new calendar, the decision was handled poorly. The Muslim community has called for justice, he wrote in a Facebook post. 'Now there are people who use this decision to discredit Islam and Muslims in America who didn't do more or less than any part of america's population - supporting recognition. Kym Porter, whose three children attend Montgomery County area schools, questioned why the board leaned so strongly in one direction. I get academic diaries from Staples every year and list Christmas, Hannukah, Eid, Ashura, Kwanzaa, Day Management Professional and assorted Mexican holidays, he told TODAY. I understand the idea all or nothing, but why not all? Reactions on Twitter were strong, but ranged greatly throughout politics County school board members have pointed out that the nearby Fairfax County school system, the largest school district in neighboring Virginia, also does not mention religious holidays by name. Follow TODAY.com Eun Kyung Kim on Twitter. Twitter.

