

Categorical Evaluation Topic: Year-Round Schools

***Due Friday, 4/7/17 (before you leave class)**

Directions: Choose to either complete outline template #1 or #2. When you see the brackets, fill in your information.

Outline Template #2

I. Introduction

- a. Hook: The feeling of summer is in the air. Beaches are becoming populated with vacationers and the weather crawls to a balmy 85 degrees Fahrenheit. One would expect a plethora of school-age students to be out of school, running from daycares and summer camps. However, Calvert County Publics schools are still in session. Their philosophy? Student should attend school year-round with a few smaller breaks each season.
- b. Background [**CCPS isn't the only district to consider year-round schooling. Today, about XXXXX public school systems in the US operate on a year round schedule (Jones 5). There are many reasons why this schedule is preferred over a traditional summer break; teachers and administrators find benefits of this model over the past few decades.**]
- c. Claim [**Year round schooling is an effective model for education as it increases student academic success, helps local economies and provides extra opportunities for students outside of the regular school day.**]

II. Match Argument #1

- a. Year-round school aids in student academic success.
- b. Your topic does/does not meet Criteria #1 **Year –round schools have higher student success because of the increased student retention between shorter breaks.**
- c. **Students who have an extended summer break lose some of their knowledge from the previous year. Jones from Shippensburg University supports this through his study on academic retention... He stated that " 75% of student increased retention of dkjdkdfjal...)**
- d. Smoother transition between years of school, allows students to connect between one course and another.
- e. **[Quote from Educator of the year talking about benefits in test scores with new year-round school system.**
- f. Respond to possible objections- Some critics of year-round school state that students need a break from academic rigor during primary part of the year. Smith from Educators today found that "stress rates of students in year-round

school" Also, summer break provides an opportunity for students to hone practical skills they may not have time for during the school year, such as focus in the arts, community service and summer jobs.

SOURCES: (at least one source should have an author)

1. Title:

Author:

Date of publication:

This source contains:

2. Title:

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