Claim: Students should be required to attend primary school year-round in Minnesota

**Examples of bad evidence:**

My neighbor’s son says he would like to go to school all year (expert vs. unprofessional)

A parent of a student says he feel like it would help his daughter to have school for a longer period of time (expert vs. unprofessional)

Mrs. Smith’s class of thirty students all agreed that they would like to attend class during the summer too (expert vs. unprofessional)

A study of a school in Canada shows that students benefit from having school all year (not representative)

A school in a farming community in Madison, MN does not have summer break and says that they notice a difference in their students (not representative)

Students who go to private schools show more improvement from attending classes year-round (not representative)

Schools are bad at providing nutritious lunches for students (doesn’t relate to claim)

One of the teachers at a primary school said that she would still like her summer vacation (doesn’t relate to claim)

Many primary schools in America don’t have attendance problems for their students (doesn’t relate to claim)

A school in Louisiana tried having students attend all year-round in 1977, which showed that students retained 30% more information than those who had a summer break (outdated)

A study from 1985 showed at least a 10 point difference on most test scores for students who attended school longer (outdated)

A hundred years ago, students used to attend school all year, only taking breaks when they needed to during the day, which led to increased rates of literacy (outdated)

**Examples of good evidence:**

My neighbor, who has been a teacher for almost twenty years, says that his students spend up to a month relearning what they forgot over the summer

A principal at a school, says the test scores were the highest they had ever been in the past five years after they started having school all year

Mrs. Smith’s class of thirty students studied the effects of summer break on memory for a project all year, which led them to decide it would be better for students to attend during the summer

A study of a many schools from each state in the U.S. show that students benefit from having school all year

Schools in farming communities across the Midwest do not have summer break and show increases on test scores compared to the bigger schools that don’t have students attend year-round

Students who go to private schools as well as public schools show more improvement from attending classes year-round

Schools are able to budget well enough that students should be able to have the same teacher they had during the year in order to help them continue learning during the summer

Students at ten schools across the U.S. said that they spent none of their summer vacation studying, and that they felt unprepared when they started school in the fall

Many primary schools in America feel like attendance of students would be better if they had school for more days out of the year, which would allow for better learning if students were able to come to class more

Last year, a school in Louisiana tried having students attend all year-round, which showed that students retained 30% more information than those who had a summer break

A study from 2010 showed at least a 10 point difference on most test scores for students who attended school longer

Five years ago, a study was done that showed that literacy rates in America were the lowest they had been in the past two decades; none of the schools that they looked at had school all year