

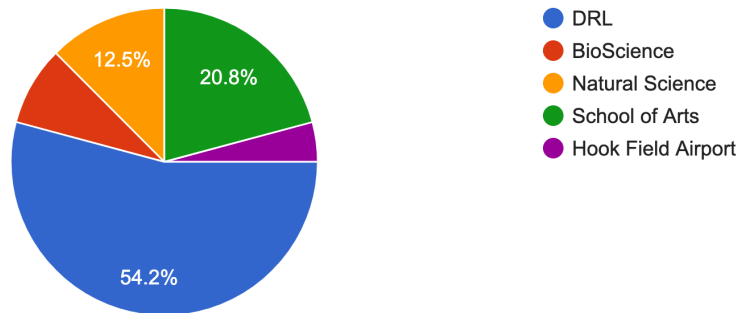
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Focus Group 2
Discussion/Survey Questions & Results

Conducted Virtual via Zoom
24 Students Present (anonymously represented in document below)
FDE Research Team of 8 Adults Present on the Call
Corresponding PowerPoint used to Facilitate the call, along with Zoom Chat Room

Questions are in highlighted in yellow

Student responses were voluntary / optional to each question

Campus
24 responses



Discussion Questions

Initial Reaction: What were your initial thoughts and feelings about the Fifth Day Experience prior to starting it?

Changed Perception: Now that you have been through the Fifth Day Experience, how have your perceptions changed?

Personal Wellness: Has your personal wellness improved due to having 5 consecutive Fridays (supposed to be 15) off from traditional school?

Student Voice: How do you feel students were able to influence the opportunities provided during Fifth Day Experience?

Improvement of the FDE Model: What is one thing we could do to make the Fifth Day Experience better?

Impact: What was the most impactful choice you made during the Fifth Day Experience? Why?

Motivation: What was your motivation behind this choice?

Influence: Who, if anyone, influenced your decision-making the most about your selections?

Personalized Learning: Has the Fifth Day Experience changed your attitude towards personalized learning? If so, how?

New Horizons: What new things might you now be aware of because of this experience?

Open Feedback: Use this space to say any final thoughts, feelings, reflections or recommendations

Responses to Questions (Anonymous)

1. Initial Reaction: What were your initial thoughts and feelings about the Fifth Day Experience prior to starting it?

i was very excited that we were getting an opportunity to try something new and i thought it was cool because it's something different that most schools don't do!

3 responses

when my mom brought it up to me I was a little skeptical about leaving my home school for something new. I went into Auto Tech and didn't like the first couple of weeks at BT because it was a new school and had left all my friends. I still kept pushing and continued my learning in Auto Tech because I like working on cars and also liked the lab. I liked having Fridays off so I could choose what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go.

1 response

My initial thoughts were all over the place, due to the excitement and nervousness of not being able to fully understand a concept that was so new to us. However, just being a Butler Tech student made me somewhat ready for this new adaptation since the whole schedule at BT is quite different from a traditional high school.

[1 response](#)

When I first heard about the FDE my initial thoughts were "How Exciting" , I remember thinking finally I get to choose how I want to spend my Fridays. Prior to starting the fifth day experience I started to plan which options I was interested in and I got together with my friends to choose which program to participate in.

[1 response](#)

My initial thoughts were that its a free day off of school every week but after I found out there were activities to do during these days then I started to think maybe i should look into them sadly i missed one of my activities and then before i could sign up for more the corona thing happened.

[1 response](#)

My initial feelings were excitement and a little bit nervous. New changes and opportunities always seem appealing to me and I was ready to try it out. Definitely rubbed it in my homeschool friends faces. I was ready for something fun, and wanted to test out some of my other hobbies.

[1 response](#)

It was kind of confusing because I didn't see much information about it at first, and it was always called an extended weekend. I didn't realize that there would be classes available on that day too.

[1 response](#)

I was unsure of what it would be like, but I was excited by the possibilities. There were many things that I wanted to do, although I was a bit worried the FDE would end up being overwhelming.

[1 response](#)

My initial thoughts and feelings about the Fifth Day Experience prior to starting it were that this day can allow myself to work on my mental health and have a day to just relax.

[1 response](#)

I thought it was going to be really nice to be able to have an extended weekend. I thought I could catch up on some sleep, work on homework, or work on my art.

[1 response](#)

I was in leadership so we had already been talking about it and it seemed interesting but I didn't really want to give up my spring break

[1 response](#)

I was initially a bit bummed about not having a spring break, but mostly I was excited for the opportunities to learn useful life skills.

[1 response](#)

I thought it was a good idea and that I would just stay home and sleep and be able to go to work in the mornings.

[1 response](#)

kinda scary just because it was all so new but also that it would be a good break from school

[1 response](#)

I was excited about having the opportunity to do something other than ordinary course work.

[1 response](#)

I felt like it was a good idea and that it would help a lot of students in the long run.

[1 response](#)

I was very excited about being able to have extra time to start my small buisness.

[1 response](#)

I was really confused initially but it seemed really cool and interesting

[1 response](#)

I was nervous but excited to try something different from regular school.

[1 response](#)

I wasn't too excited and I didn't want to participate originally.

[1 response](#)

curious, hesitant but open minded about the idea

[1 response](#)

I was excited to have a longer weekend.

2. Changed Perception: Now that you have been through the Fifth Day Experience, how have your perceptions changed?

they have changed in a great way, i was uncertain at first of how things would go and if they would tun smoothly and so i was very happy that it wasn't confusing and it was fun!

[3 responses](#)

I have the same perception, but now I can confirm my excitement and happiness. It is a great experience to try out new things, because sometimes it feels when you have picked what career pathway you want to do, you're stuck with only thinking and doing things to help you with that career. Although I am at the bioscience center, I still wanted to learn about cooking, dance, and other fun activities like that- which thanks to this opportunity I was able to do.

[1 response](#)

While I was right to worry it would be overwhelming, I genuinely liked it. I enjoyed learning ASL (American Sign Language), even if I decided to drop out when the quarantine began (in addition to something I will touch on in the next question, I felt the class was too hands-on to work over the internet -pun intended); it was an excellent break from regular classes, and a good opportunity to pick up a new skill.

[1 response](#)

After experiencing five Fifth Days, I have come to realize how much we needed these Fridays off. I end up looking forward to Fridays even more now. This has also shown me how we can make something the new norm so quickly, after just five weeks of having Fridays off, it felt like that is how it always was.

[1 response](#)

Now I am actually happy I did do some classes. It was really fun and I learned many things too. For examples I took Personal Finance and I learned about the 50 30 20 rule for budgeting. 50% of your check goes for your needs and 30% goes to your wants and the 20% goes to your savings.

[1 response](#)

I was wanting to do a college visit at Sinclair Community College and that was in February and I was wanting to go to that one when it had gotten warmer but never had the chance because there was no more choices for Sinclair when I kept signing up for things.

[1 response](#)

Now I see the fifth day experience as more than just a few free days off school I see it as an opportunity to do more than what you normally could or even a way to push you out of your comfort zone and to explore more options.

[1 response](#)

It showed me that the teachers and staff really care about the students and that they want what is best for us and they allowed us to decide what we wanted and tried their best to give it to us.

[1 response](#)

I realize that it can definitely be used as a tool to help yourself or others, and it takes a load off of your shoulders because you have a day to do something that you want to do.

[1 response](#)

I personally am not a HUGE fan of FDE because, for SOA, I feel that it messed with our rehearsal schedules. I still like the idea of FDE but maybe like, every other week?

[1 response](#)

I think honestly it was really great, the experiences were pretty good, and I think the FDE was far better for my mental health than spring break usually is.

[1 response](#)

I think it's such a good idea. You get to learn from professional at school or good off campus to learn. I'm so happy that it was introduced.

[1 response](#)

Now that I've been through the Fifth Day Experience, my perceptions have changed because it's helped me with my college work as well.

[1 response](#)

My perceptions have not changed much I still feel like the FDE is a great opportunity for many people to do what benefits them most.

[1 response](#)

I think it had great potential and was better than what everyone expected it to be. I also think that it gives kids opportunities

[1 response](#)

It's definitely a very cool concept that I'm happy to be a part of, the extra opportunities are great to have.

[1 response](#)

Yes I love bragging to my friends that while they're in school im catching up on work and relaxing

[1 response](#)

It's very clear and seems like a great opportunity for anyone who feels like they lack freedom

[1 response](#)

It turned into more of an opportunity to make friends with students from other campuses.

[1 response](#)

It's become beyond important in my overall health as well as academic performance.

[1 response](#)

i love it i think it is a great thing and it gives students great oportunities

1 response

Yes. For the positive, looking forward to participating next year.

3. Personal Wellness: Has your personal wellness improved due to having 5 consecutive Fridays (supposed to be 15) off from traditional school?

my personal wellness improved lots it gave me a day off to take a class in the morning and to be able to have the rest of the day to myself and not stress about anything and get extra work done it was very awesome

3 responses

I have difficulty transitioning from school to home and back again, and the FDE helped me transition into the weekend. I feel that the abrupt shift from school work to weekend relaxation is jarring; only pushing stress out of my thoughts instead of letting said anxiety go, and making it harder to get back into the working mindset. Having a single, lower stress class on Friday helped. However, it did eventually become a source of stress, but that was because my online CCP English class was a constant wave of due dates; I had to submit a 3-4 page rough draft for an essay every other Friday, and a final draft every following Friday. It was a very stressful class, being entirely online with the assignments being VERY open-ended essays. This clashed with ASL, which had four sentences of homework due every Friday, which we would then sign to the rest of the class. It wasn't too difficult, but as it coincided with essay draft due dates, it made things more stressful than anticipated. Honestly, I'm very glad I dropped out of the ASL class, as I was then able to focus on my CCP classes (Trig, which was my favorite class at school, became my least favorite without my teacher's help). I don't want to think about how stressful it would have gotten when the "Fourth-Quarter Fatigue" set in, especially given how hard it was to get into a working attitude at home.

1 response

My personal wellness and mental health improved significantly. Stress was lifted off my shoulders, and I got to feel more independent and overall happier. There's just something

special about sleeping in until 11am and driving yourself to the school while the sun's already up; having the freedom to turn up the music, grab a coffee/donuts in the drive thru, and then spend what would've been a normal school day on what feels like a field trip is just awesome. To top it all off, it's something we choose to do, so that makes it even better. I even made unlikely friends and memories with the FDE that improved my confidence and my mood.

[1 response](#)

Yes definitely! I had something to look forward to at the end of the week. Although we had weekends obviously, I mostly spent that time working at my family restaurant. Knowing there was a fun experience or class waiting for me at the end of the week, it motivated me to finish all my work and to not bring any work home- so that it could be stress free and I could fully enjoy the class I had signed up for. It also brought me closer with my friends, since we were sharing new experiences together. This helped me strengthen my mental health.

[1 response](#)

Yes. I felt more relaxed when the Weekends were approaching since I wouldn't have to cramp up all my homework for Sunday night. I used the time I had off for Fifth Day to loosen up my schedule and feel more at ease. For some classes, I started getting more homework, but it didn't really bother me since I knew I was going to have enough time to complete it.

[1 response](#)

Yes, my personal wellness has definitely improved because before I used to dread going to school because it just dragged on so long but it seems like 4 days of school and 3 days off is the perfect balance mix in some fun activities and a few well deserved days of rest and it's the perfect combination for a healthy mix of physical and psychological wellness

[1 response](#)

My personal wellness has improved a great deal because of the Fifth day experience. It gave the students a chance to breathe it took weight off our shoulders and we had an extra day to complete our homework, choose an activity that we enjoy, or rest. For me I was hurt and I needed to use Fridays for physical therapy appointment days.

[1 response](#)

I tend to burn out in 2nd semester and settle for lower grades. Having Fridays off was beyond helpful for my mental health as well as my performance. It made me feel special from my normal school and helped me feel like my school actually cares about its students.

[1 response](#)

It has helped me mentally get through the week because it seems like it goes by faster and it just makes me feel as though i don't have that much to do because i know that on Friday i get to do something i know that i will like.

[1 response](#)

Yes its made it easier for me kto be more productive and time managing because I have a whole day that I dont have to worry about turning in homework or stressing about school work.

[1 response](#)

it has definetly been a good thing for me mentally it lets me mentally prepare for the next week and just take a me day without having to miss school

[1 response](#)

I was a lot more relaxed throughout the week and it gave me something to look forward to, it was very refreshing to have a day to myself.

[1 response](#)

I got to sleep more which was really nice. But I felt like teachers were rushing assignments since we cut a day out of our week.

[1 response](#)

It was great to have a wind down day, where homework, class work and classroom participation for a grade were not expected.

[1 response](#)

Yes because I got to sleep in and made me less stress and also got to finish my work I didn't finish during the week

1 response

My personal wellness has improved due to having 5 consecutive Friday's off from traditional school.

1 response

Yes, I got to sleep in and do the things I wanted. I could work all day if I wanted to and also

1 response

I think it was a lot of pressure off kids shoulders compared to the 5 days a week schedule

1 response

Absolutely, it serves as a nice buffer between the school week and weekend.

1 response

Its been better since I've had time to unwind

1 response

It was a lot of stress off my shoulders

4. Student Voice: How do you feel students were able to influence the opportunities provided during Fifth Day Experience?

i feel as students we had a big say in what we wanted and different choosing different classes we wanted to take or do it was very nice to put a suggestion out there and see it be done so i would say that the students had a very big influence and we were heard.

3 responses

2 responses

I think our voices were very well heard. For example, I know I requested adulting classes on learning things like how to change oil on cars, how to do your taxes or take loans, or how to cook on a budget. I also know that other students in my lab were interested in the adulting classes. We also all agreed self defense classes would be awesome. The FDE ended up having like, all of the above! BT has a great staff that really emphasizes importance of student feedback.

1 response

I felt like i really had a voice when my teacher asked what i was doing for my fifth days and i said nothing but staying home and he reccomended that he could set me up to go check out a shop in our type of industry and a week later I ended up going to Hi-Tek which was really eye openeing on what i would actually be doing when i get out into the real world.

1 response

Students got to heavily influence the opportunities provided during Fifth Day Experience because I saw it happen. Dr. Cook, Biosciecne Principal, personally came to our individual labs and asked specifically for what we wanted. And the ideas that I saw shared around were also present in the options we were given by the district.

1 response

Our voices were heard FULLLY!!! We had so many opportunities to share what experiences we wanted to have be offered, and I feel that most of our ideas were heard and represented. There were many surveys and activities at my school personally that showed that they truly cared about the outcomes we had to say.

1 response

I feel that we had a voice in everything that was an option. I especially feel that the NSC had a voice because we as a school decided what we wanted and because we are so small it feels

as though we get over shadowed but it was like we were heard and that was a really good feeling.

1 response

We had plenty choice in what we wanted to do and with the surveys before and midway through, they were able to gear more towards what we liked. I feel like going to any of these programs helps with my future and that's a good feeling.

1 response

I feel we had an equal opportunity to express our opinions when deciding what should be offered on the Fifth day. We were given surveys to fill out as well as Mr.Sprankles personally came and talked to classes about the FDE.

1 response

I think that it was a great idea to ask students what they wanted but some classes that were talked about or suggested never happened, but I think it was mainly because there wasn't enough time to plan them.

1 response

I feel like we were given influence on the opportunities offered, especially given how Driver's Ed turned out, although I cannot remember what I said on those surveys during the first quarter.

1 response

Through discussions with our teachers, students were able to give our input any ideas as to how the fifth day experience could be not only educational but also enjoyable.

1 response

I felt that students had a huge voice in choosing the activities provided. I think every activity that I had mentioned in the surveys were provided on a Friday.

1 response

Talking to teachers and seeing what was available for them to help. And labs were able to offer their space to help others learn skills.

[1 response](#)

The students were able to suggest programs that ended up being put into the fifth day experience which I thought was really cool.

[1 response](#)

I think this all was a lot more student controlled which worked out for the better because its the kids that get the experience

[1 response](#)

I felt like our voices were actually apart of the discussion. Opportunities weren't just decided for us, we were given freedom

[1 response](#)

When the driving school was added to FDE, I feel students were able to influence the opportunities provided during FDE.

[1 response](#)

I feel that we were able to influence Fifth day Experience cause we got to say what classes we wanted to take.

[1 response](#)

I think that the options suggested were listened to, and I felt that students played a big role in shaping it.

[1 response](#)

i feel like we as students had good control over what our choices where

5. Improvement of the FDE Model: What is one thing we could do to make the Fifth Day Experience better?

maybe making the sign up process easier it was a little confusing and frustrating at times to sign up for different things

3 responses

3 responses

Many times during the week I would forget about the ASL class, and only remember to work on the homework Thursday night/Friday morning. I suggest having a short thing on Wednesday, perhaps a little optional thing during flex on Thursday, so students can keep their FDE class in their minds; a full week between classes is a long time, so a little thing to carry us into the next FDE session would be GREATLY appreciated. I know that not all the teachers for the FDE classes would be available, but something as small as a video with things to work on would be very helpful.

1 response

I believe maybe we could get a tour or a little intro video showing what each school offered and also where we could find our activities. Personally, I joined a cooking class and it was a little difficult for me to find. I would also love to have more options at Bioscience center, maybe just having our labs (Health, Dental, Exercise Science, PLTW) , just swapping with them to see how their day would go. Try out different experiences of the health care system.

1 response

I think more explanation on how it works in the beginning and also a bit of a slower start to it and not just sudden burst of weeks where we were doing surveys and making suggestions then we don't hear about it for a few weeks. I think it would be better to slowly but consistently do surveys and get people more informed on what the FDE is before just bombarding them with surveys and papers and asking them to pick courses before they even know what that course is about.

1 response

I think on Mondays we should spend the first few minutes of our 1st Bell looking at pictures or video from some of the previous week's experiences. It would give students a sort of "This is what it's like!" to give them an idea of what they're missing, and what they could sign up for next. Some students just need a push to know what to sign up for, I think.

[1 response](#)

One thing to improve on for the upcoming school year would be more promoting towards the beginning of the school year so when it comes time to start the fifth day experience there is more of a thorough understanding as to what is included in each program.

[1 response](#)

One thing we could do to make the Fifth Day Experience better is enhance the sign up process, make sure that the links are easily available to all the students. Also, diversify the programs by offering them at different campuses.

[1 response](#)

Two things I think that would make Fifth Day Experience better would be to do things at the NSC like caring for the animals there. Also if we could go to out of state colleges like Kentucky.

[1 response](#)

One thing you could do to make the Fifth Day Experience better is adding HBCU tours for people who want to partake in the black experience in college or learn more about black history.

[1 response](#)

The website for scheduling was confusing and sometimes it would mistake half-day classes for full-day classes so I wouldn't be able to sign up for anything else.

[1 response](#)

We could implement a session at the end of the day for students to talk to each other and communicate about that day's fifth day experience.

1 response

As I said above, I think every other week would be beneficial for some majors. I also think the process to sign up was a little confusing.

1 response

We could have days where each school allows students to choice which school they would like to go to for the day.

1 response

More clarity of how the program works, and maybe more student lead labs ad classes

1 response

More information available ahead of time, and doubling up on popular classes.

1 response

I liked the idea of nature walks and relationship building activities.

1 response

More clear instructions on how to sign up for the programs.

1 response

make the sign up process less of a headache

1 response

nothing

6. Impact: What was the most impactful choice you made during the Fifth Day Experience? Why?

taking my asl class i enjoyed taking it my sophomore year at my homeschool so when coming to butler tech i was kinda bummed that i wouldn't be able to take it again but this gave me a good chance to take the class while earning college credits! I loved my teacher and it was lots of fun.

[3 responses](#)

The most impactful choice I made during the FDE was going to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base tour. It helped me make the decision of active duty Army vs National Guard, and gave me a solid insight of what it's like to be stationed somewhere. I also made unlikely friends with someone in my lab I hadn't spoken to much, and a recruiter who happened to love playing my favorite video game! It was awesome fun.

[1 response](#)

The most impactful choice I did was take Personal Finance and College 101 those classes helped me out. Personal Finance helped me out with knowing how to save money and know about loans too. College 101 helped me learned about where I can go to college and learned about scholarships.

[1 response](#)

The most impactful choice I made was what I wanted to do each Friday. Specifically, one Friday I got to choose to be in a presentation that fully interested me, Stop The Bleed. Other Fridays I chose to stay at home and catch up on some sleep and assignments.

[1 response](#)

I believe that taking the "Stop the Bleed" class certainly helped me in advancing in my career path. It also had a little portion about driving that I think about EVERY SINGLE DAY, I thought i knew the importance of seatbelts but this just changed my life.

[1 response](#)

Going to the industry tour at Hi-Tek it just really opened my eyes on what i could do with my fifth days like job shadowing i wanted to go to more companys and see what it is like at ther places to find the one best set for me but sadly that got cut short.

[1 response](#)

Using it as a catch up day, physical therapy appointments, and a makeup on hours day. These three choices were made possible because of the personal growth option. If the school year would have continued on I would have participated in more programs.

[1 response](#)

I really liked taking ASL because now I can communicate without using my voice and I can use this language in the future for my career or just everyday life. I also made new friends in that class and learned more about the Deaf Community!

[1 response](#)

I took welding because my mom told me it was a useful skill to know. I really enjoyed it, and I met a lot of cool new people. All in all, it's what got me really interested in the FDE as an experience instead of just an extra day off.

[1 response](#)

Going to the ASL classes, despite the pressure of the CCP English class. It did stress me greatly, having to juggle the two, but ASL was fun and I really enjoyed it; additionally, the class was a nice transition into the weekend.

[1 response](#)

Choosing to learn Martial Arts was a really good idea. I wanted to for a while but I don't have the money for classes. Taking the classes helped me get a start and now I can practice on my own.

[1 response](#)

That would be going to ASL class because it allowed me to realized that there are people out there that just want to be heard and to be seen as part of the community.

[1 response](#)

The most impactful choice I made was babysitting my little cousins. Not only was I able to spend time with family, I was also able to make some money.

[1 response](#)

The most best choice I made during FDE was taking some of the days to just clear my mind and take a mental health day.

[1 response](#)

Stay home ad unwind. It provided me more time to recharge and keep my head straight

[1 response](#)

just taking a me day it was a good reset and made the weekend refreshing

[1 response](#)

The ACT prep sessions because it gave me insight into the test.

[1 response](#)

Meeting with people that could help me start a small buisness.

[1 response](#)

Personal growth days seriously improved my well-being.

[1 response](#)

I am not really sure.

[1 response](#)

driving school

7. Motivation: What was your motivation behind this choice?

My motivation was choosing this that would help me and i would say i was my motivator because my parents didn't force me to make certain choices on what i wanted to do

3 responses

2 responses

A mixture of the sunken cost fallacy and genuine interest in the class; I have difficulty dropping out of something when I'm doing well in it (Which is why I stayed in CCP English class despite the stress making me PHYSICALLY ILL at one point). Of course, when the quarantine began, I knew something would have to go, as my home is a place of relaxation: I find great difficulty trying to work here, as I constantly end up going "OK, BREAK TIME!" This, the mounting stress, and doubts on how well ASL could be taught through Zoom, all culminated in my decision to leave the class.

1 response

My motivation to choose the personal growth day was backed by always wanting to be ahead in school or to always be caught up on homework and wanting to be the best student I can be and this option really helped achieve my goal in the most difficult and time consuming academic part of my school year.

1 response

to see what my future could be like and to adventure into other places beyond what we were doing in lab and see what i could really be doing when i leave high school that way iv got a clean shot at whatever im trying to acomplish or where ever im going.

1 response

At first i wanted to quit ASL to do something more "fun" but in the end this class was fun and the people made it an enjoyable experience. I do not regret taking this class and would have loved to continue in person.

1 response

I chose to take those two classes cause my dad always taking to me about savings so i took it to learn more and for college 101 I wanted to know more about college and where I should go.

1 response

My motivation was the hope to stay calm while I am stressed out about ACT, Lab work, Volunteering. These Fridays gave me hope that everything will get done, and it did.

1 response

I wanted to have a choice in what I wanted to learn about and I also wanted to be able to get a College Credit while still going to regular school during the week.

1 response

I was mainly motivated to earn money haha. So I think next year if I have a job I'll do that a lot on Fridays.

1 response

To learn more in how I can help others around me, and to also help improve my knowledge about my career path.

1 response

My motivation behind this choice was knowing that I need to sometimes take a break and not do everything.

1 response

I want to enlist in the military, so I knew a military base tour would be right up my alley.

1 response

My motivation was my mental health decreasing as the second semester moved day by day.

1 response

Because I love reptiles and I want to spread that love to people around the world.

1 response

needing to get my license and not having the time to

1 response

I was kind of railroaded into it by my mom.

1 response

The need to pass the test.

1 response

personal wellness

1 response

Mental unrest

1 response

Personal gain

8. Influence: Who, if anyone, influenced your decision-making the most about your selections?

i would say that i influenced me decisions the most because i just chose different things that i wanted to take or thought was interesting and no one else forced me to

3 responses

2 responses

My parents as well as friends were my influencers, although I had some out of school priorities on the fifth day, my parents encouraged me to try financial planning and my friends and I had been signed up for the hip hop class, unfortunately with the school year coming to a close shortly after I am excited for next years opportunities to resume right where I left off.

1 response

My mom, who is half-deaf (her left ear doesn't work); I wanted to learn ASL, as her only good ear is worsening with age, and I want to be able to communicate with her if she becomes fully deaf. My dad wants to learn ASL for the same reason. Also, having a second language can be very helpful later in life.

1 response

My parents told me that it would be great if i could get my language credit while still having regular school and they also wanted me to take cooking classes and I was able to do both for a short time but I was mainly happy that I completed my language credit

1 response

My counselor Mrs. Howard told me that I should continue to take my ASL course to further my education outside of what high school could teach me. She told me that by taking this class i could push myself and prove that i can do the class.

1 response

My principal really affected what I chose to do on these Fifth Days. Dr. Cook pushed us to do whatever we wanted to but also go out of our comfort zone and explore new things that were being offered to us.

1 response

my friends deffinetly influenced what extra offerings i took a friend of mine Gage Clancy talked me into taking 2 personal finance classes (but sadly i missed one)

1 response

I looked over some interesting choices, but it mostly came down to my mom saying "Pick this." and me not really having a reason to disagree.

[1 response](#)

Myself, and that's part of why I loved the FDE. I was in control of my own path, and I could build my FDE experience to be unique to me.

[1 response](#)

I guess my parents and myself cause my parents want me to know how to save and know about college and I also wanted to know.

[1 response](#)

My parents, without them I could've been at my home school not learning about cars and other things like that.

[1 response](#)

My friends and family helped to influence what I chose to do on Fridays.

[1 response](#)

All my choices were my own. I chose what I liked and I'm glad I did.

[1 response](#)

My dad, he was supportive of me learning self defense tactics.

[1 response](#)

My friends and teachers.

[1 response](#)

me and my parents

[1 response](#)

My parents.

1 response

My snakes.

1 response

counselors

1 response

My mom

9. Personalized Learning: Has the Fifth Day Experience changed your attitude towards personalized learning? If so, how?

it definitely has i think it's helped me become more responsible with my time and learning time management and also helped me find different things that i am passionate about!

3 responses

2 responses

Not really; I've had a lot of experience with personalized schooling. I had an IEP for the longest time (now a 504), I chose all my classes (and enrolled in some optional classes mid-quarter) at the Career Readiness Academy (even got a job at the Lakota Central Office on Mondays and Wednesdays), and just this year I learned a lot about Information Technology through Butler Tech. Learning some ASL during the second semester is only a part of my experience with personalized learning. In short, my love of personalized learning was set in stone LONG ago.

[1 response](#)

Yes, a little bit. Before, I sorta felt like a lot of people wouldn't take initiative to participate, and opportunities would be wasted. I felt like given the chance to personalize their learning, some students would choose a lazy path or screw it up somehow. But, after seeing some unlikely participants, I feel like it really was for the better and encouraged people who you wouldn't consider "go-getters" to actually jump for opportunities.

[1 response](#)

It opened my eyes to what personalized learning really is and what it could mean for many others and how it can really allow people to express themselves in ways that couldn't have been possible before by taking more specialized classes about what they really enjoy or allowing people to explore other options than what they have at hand.

[1 response](#)

Yes, I feel like I had become more willing to learn on my own, especially after Fifth Day and Quarantine. Many of my teachers, especially CCP Professors were assigning stuff that I had to figure out on my own, during my free time. I learned how to problem-solve and figure out whatever I was struggling with.

[1 response](#)

Personalized learning has most definitely changed my mindset, It has shown me that not all learning has to take place in the classroom. There is much more desire when you are doing something you chose that you enjoy.

[1 response](#)

The fifth day experience really helped me to see the upside of personalized learning because students could choose certain classes that they enjoy and could learn skills from, such as welding, culinary, dance, etc.

1 response

I definitely would like to continue using Fifth Day but for maybe one semester, so that way students can still feel like they have regular school and then something to plan ahead for.

1 response

Yes it did because if the classes there it allowed me to push myself to be better and to learn new things that could improve my future without me even noticing.

1 response

Yes, I believe when students have a choice about what they want to do with their school day, they come in more excited and eager to learn.

1 response

I really enjoy personalized learning after FDE. It reminds me that I AM in control of what I learn and what I want to do with my time.

1 response

It seems like more of a real option to me now, before I thought of it as more abstract and not really something that can happen.

1 response

I think it did cause when I would sleep in during the weekend I would be in a good mood on Mondays and be really active.

1 response

it has changed my attitude because I am always looking forward to Fridays now and that I have a 3 day weekend.

[1 response](#)

i dont think fifth day did but the remote learning that came with it helped me be able to teach myself

[1 response](#)

It makes me want to branch out and do things I wouldn't do outside of my usual school routine.

[1 response](#)

I really enjoyed the opportunity for personalized learning and it was a good deal of fun.

[1 response](#)

definetly I think it helps kids in the long run in every aspect

[1 response](#)

Not really.

[1 response](#)

No

[1 response](#)

10. New Horizons: What new things might you now be aware of because of this experience?

8 responses

being able to communicate with people that cannot hear and finding different things i am passionate about.

3 responses

I can't really think of anything. Except members of the Deaf community (capitalized when referring to their culture, community, or members of said community) dislike terms such as "hearing impaired" and "disabled;" they'd MUCH prefer to be called deaf.

1 response

Strangely enough, I'm now aware that I can relate to 40 year old men through video games. I'm also now aware that driving by myself with the music turned up loud makes me feel awesome, and that long weekends can improve my mental health.

1 response

how much of a huge opportunity this fde really was for everyone and how it really helped allot of people do what they wanted and removes the stresses of being forced down the same old path that every school takes.

1 response

I realize that I can explore a lot of different opportunities that I wouldn't have at my home school and I think that Fifth Day can really help people step out of their comfort zone and try something new.

1 response

I am more aware of the diversity of students BT has on their campuses. I go to SOA so I really only know SOA students, but FDE gave me chances to form new relationships with students on other campuses.

[1 response](#)

I am more aware of things that go on around me because one of the classes taught in self defense. The teacher said that you should always be aware because you never know what might happen.

[1 response](#)

I am more aware of noticing my personal self and well being actually needing that one day for my self to catch up or take care of things at home or with my physical health.

[1 response](#)

This experience taught me that no matter how unaware we are of new change, eventually we adapt to it and realize the positivity it comes with.

[1 response](#)

Life has a lot of opportunities, and you can learn anything if you want to do it. All it takes is to want to learn.

[1 response](#)

It's helped me learn more about myself and things I never knew I was interested in.

[1 response](#)

That you get to meet all kinds of people.

[1 response](#)

More college options

[1 response](#)

opportunities

11. Open Feedback: Use this space to say any final thoughts, feelings, reflections or recommendations.

8 responses

i thought fifth day was awesome and i would love to do it again next year and be able to help i feel like the teachers and staff were also so open to hear all of our suggestions and things we had to say and i really appreciated that!!

3 responses

I really enjoyed the fifth day experience and I'm glad I'll have senior year to participate again. My recommendations for the 20/21 school year are as follows: 1) possibly start a young writers group. 2.) have guest presenters who will teach life skills (change a tire, change car oil, fry an egg, etc.). 3.) conduct etiquette classes for writing emails, basic conversations, table setting, and how to navigate networking events. 4.) have job skills classes that would teach how to write a resume, the do's and don'ts of interviewing, what to say and wear to get the job.

1 response

I really appreciate everything that goes in to making this FDE possible. I believe that it is helping students find their passions outside of their career pathway and helping into making us well rounded students. I took the cooking class and stop the bleed and enjoyed them thoroughly. :)))

1 response

I really am glad i went to butlertech and was given all these opprotunitys it really helped me grow as a person for the better i think and i hope that next year will be even better than this one was.

1 response

I liked the FDE, but I think there should be something during the week to keep our FDE classes in our minds. Also, student in ASL translates to "learn person."

1 response

I enjoyed being a part of this feedback call. Its really special getting to speak out on behalf of my classmates and to be heard. Thank you for inviting me.

[1 response](#)

the 5th day experience is a good idea and selling point to come to Butler Tech. If its experimented with more and improved it could be prefect

[1 response](#)

I honestly thought that everything went well apart from the teacher for the ACT prep. I personally dont think she did a great job with it.

[1 response](#)

I think the FDE was super well organized, well executed, and provided great opportunities for students. I really enjoyed my experience.

[1 response](#)

I have been so grateful to Fridays being off because, I got to complete CCP Spanish assignments on time, because of these Fridays.

[1 response](#)

Some way to make the sign up and survey sites more user friendly would be appreciated.

[1 response](#)

I really enjoyed Fifth Day and I hope to participate in new classes next year!

[1 response](#)

Helping with the horses or other animals in the NCS.

[1 response](#)

I am just tankful for the opportunity.

