

Professional Development, Side Hustles, and Summer School - What Wisconsin Teachers Are Really Doing this Summer



Ah, summer! You've settled in and found your groove, but it's not the rest and trips to the beach that students might think teachers and school staff are up to. We did a little research just for fun and checked in on what some of our amazing Wisconsin teachers are up to.

Here are the top ten most-frequently heard responses:

1. Professional development/summer reading club
2. Working in the service and travel industry
3. Teaching summer school/my role is year round/action planning for next school year
4. Attending/presenting at an educational conference(s)
5. Family time/my kids are home for summer/house repairs
6. Writing a book
7. Volunteering
8. Leading a student trip/national park tour guide/archeological dig
9. Coaching
10. Most participants shared a combination of all the above

Here's a few fun stories teachers shared:

- "Most days it feels like this: Run my daughter to volunteering, coach my son's baseball game, pick my daughter back up, get the whole family together for dinner, and then collapse into a good book, or baseball game."
- "This year, I am a mom for the first time. Until this year, I spent my summers waiting tables and saving up for a big trip at the end of summer."
- "Oh, it's summer? I didn't notice."
- "Well, I think I am caught up on email. So does that mean I can take a break now?"
- "I am excited to present at the PBIS Leadership Conference and I cannot wait!"

If your summer is a bummer, here's [50+ Things to Do if You're a Teacher Who Dreads Summer Break](#).