

West Clark Community Schools

19/20 School Early Release/PLC Concept

Updated

West Clark Community Schools has updated its plans to implement a structured Professional Learning Community concept/schedule that will be purposeful, consistent and effective for all staff and help lead to higher student achievement results. The revised schedule will increase instructional time within the school day each Wednesday and will better serve our students and families.

As a reminder, starting with the 19/20 SY, all WCCS schools will have an early release on Wednesday afternoons. Students will be released early so staff can focus on meaningful planning, discussion, and teaching strategies.

History: WCCS began the official PLC concept 3 years ago and has grown to value in these purposeful and effective staff meetings that help formulate meaningful teaching strategies across all grade levels. The one piece that we have found that has been missing is time. Many concepts have been explored and evaluated on how time can be carved out that is consistent across all grade levels and buildings and will yield the highest results. Over the past 2-3 years, multiple staff members have had the opportunity to be trained in the PLC concept and visit various schools to see a structured PLC schedule in action. The early release on Wednesday afternoons was accepted after discussion with our teacher representation (1/2019, 2/2019, 3/2019) and our central office/building level administration teams over the course of the 2018/19 SY.

Again we are excited for the concept to begin in the 19/20 SY and we want our parents/guardians to be aware of the schedule changes as early as possible so proper planning can commence. Please refer to the FAQ below for guidance.

What time will my child's schools schedule look like next year? (Please see schedule below):

Building	Time Doors Open to Allow Students In AM Every Day M-F	Instructional Day Start Time In AM Every Day M-F	Time Students are released in the PM M/T/Th/F	Time Students are released in the PM (WED ONLY)
BHS	7:30	7:50	2:51	2:20
BES	7:35	8:00	2:50	2:20
HHS	7:30	7:55	2:50	2:25
HES	7:30	7:55	2:30	2:25
SCHS	7:10	7:40	2:25	2:10
SCMS	7:10	7:40	2:25	2:10
SCES	7:40	8:15	3:00/3:15	2:50
SCPS	7:40	8:20	3:00/3:15	2:50

*Transportation will be provided on the early release day, will just be 10-40 (depending on school) minutes earlier than M/T/TH/F.

Will latch key programming (ie: Stay'n'Play) still be available at certain schools?

-Yes, this will not be impacted.

Will student's schedules be altered different on Wednesday vs the other 4 days of the week?

-Depending on the school, most class schedules will not be altered, some may be adjusted a few minutes to compensate for the shortened time. The final "remediation/enhancement block" in the PM that exist on M/T/Th/F will simply be cut and not exist on Wednesday afternoons.

How will 2 hour delay days be impacted on Wednesdays?

-Students will simply remain at school until their normal M/T/Th/F release time so the instructional day is maximized.

Will the lunch schedule be different for students on Wednesdays?

-No, all daily lunch schedules will remain in place consistently M/T/W/Th/F with the exception of students releasing early on Wednesdays and missing the remediation/enhancement block.

What time should students arrive home from school via school transportation on Wednesdays?

-Approximately 30-40 minutes (depending on the school) earlier than that of a normal M/T/Th/F.

Will start times remain the same every day of the week?

-Yes, start times will remain the same.

Will the Prosser bus(es) leave Prosser earlier on Wednesday afternoons so students can catch their PM bus?

-Yes, between 1:40-1:50 every Wednesday.

Will classified staff schedules/time be cut short every Wednesday?

-No, classified staff schedules will not be cut short.