

Regular and Early Release Wednesdays schedule for 2009/10

Grade(s)	Regular Days	Early Release Wednesdays
Kindergarten AM	7:40 - 11:10 a.m.	7:40 - 10:25 a.m.
Kindergarten PM	11:11 - 2:41 p.m.	10:25 - 1:10 p.m.
Grades 1-5	7:55 - 2:07 p.m.	7:55 - 1:10 p.m.

What are Early Release Wednesdays?

Message from the Superintendent

The Buckeye Union School District is a high performing district. Each school in Buckeye performs well academically. In order to maintain these levels or even improve we are continually examining student achievement and educational research.

It is for this reason – student achievement and what the research is telling us– that we have made a change in our schedule for next year. We will be piloting a reorganization of the minutes in our weekly schedules to provide an early release day once a week. This time will be used by teachers to collaborate and plan based upon their examination of data on student achievement. Giving teachers this regular time to collaborate and plan based upon the work level of their students is highly correlated to increases in student achievement and is a practice used in many high performing districts.

So what does this mean?

A minimum day schedule means students attend a little over half of the school day. We have eliminated the random minimum days that occurred throughout the calendar in previous years. Minimum days will occur for parent conference periods only.

Instead, each site will dismiss one hour earlier on Wednesday of each week. So – if your child normally is dismissed at 3pm, the dismissal time on Wednesday will be 2pm. We are still providing the required number of minutes for the school year – it is just reorganized.

We are excited about this pilot and will be holding ourselves accountable as we exam data and how our collaboration has affected student performance.