

Questions & Answers Regarding the 2015 Early Release Schedule Cocoa High School

Q: What is the purpose of Early Release Wednesdays?

A: Early release Wednesdays will provide important opportunities for teachers to engage in professional learning along with collaborative and individual planning. This time is valuable, as it will support school and district efforts to continuously improve teaching and learning for all children.

Q: When will early release Wednesdays begin?

A: Wednesday, August 19, which is the second week of school. They will continue every week until school dismisses in May.

Q: How will the start and release times be affected by this change?

A: The school day start and dismissal times will remain consistent with the 2014-2015 Early Release Days. Cocoa High will begin at 8:45 and release at 2:15pm.

Q: Will secondary schools have to modify schedules in order to satisfy state requirements for earning of credits?

High schools must provide for 67.5 hours of instruction per class in order to award credit each semester. The first semester of 2015-2016 is 88 days. To meet the requirements for single semester courses in semester 1 (PE, American Government, Economics, Sociology) the calendar has been slightly adapted. Single semester courses will meet one day after the winter break (January 5, 2016) to wrap-up coursework.