

Middle School Late Start/Early Release Proposal

March 2015

Proposal

Chapin, Dutch Fork, and Irmo Middle Schools are proposing a one hour late start 6 times per year to align with 6 of the scheduled late start days for the District 5 high schools.

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In addition, we are proposing an early release for CrossRoads Middle and Chapin Intermediate 6 times per year to align with the 6 scheduled early release days for the District 5 elementary schools.

Rationale

- Allow time for teachers to plan collaboratively.
- Sustain implementation of school/district initiatives.
 - Data Teams, iFive, PBIS and State Adopted Standards
- Implement and sustain magnet/choice focus.

Support For Rationale

AdvancED Standard 3

Indicators

- 3.5 The system operates as a collaborative learning organization through structures that support improved instruction and student learning at all levels.
- 3.11 All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.

AdvancED Standard 4

Indicator

- 4.4 The system demonstrates strategic resource management that includes long-range planning in support of the purpose and direction of the school.

Considerations

- How will LS/ER impact parents?
- How will LS/ER impact instructional time?
- How will LS/ER impact transportation?
- How will the LS/ER schedule be communicated to stakeholders?
- How can we communicate the effectiveness of LS/ER to stakeholders?

Impact on Parents

Parents who have students at multiple levels within the system may have more or less schedules to manage.

Instructional Time

Per Section 59-1-425 of the SC Code of Laws, "The instructional day for secondary students must be a minimum of 6 hours a day, or it's equivalent weekly, excluding lunch."

State Requirement	Current Time/Regular Week	Late Start/Early Release Week
1,800 minutes a week (excluding lunch)	2,025 minutes a week (excluding lunch)	1,920 minutes a week (excluding lunch)
average of 360 minutes or 6 hours a day.	405 minutes or 6 hours and 45 minutes a day	average of 393 minutes or 6 hours and 30 minutes a day

Transportation

- There will be a cost of \$8,580 to implement a late start 6 times per year for CMS, DFMS, and IMS.
- There will be a \$1,700 per year cost to implement an early release at CrossRoads Middle 6 times a year and no cost would be associated with Chapin Intermediate implementing an early release.

Communication

If approved, we would begin to communicate the 2015/16 Late Start/Early Release schedule immediately through all forms of communication such as:

- School Newsletters
- School Websites
- District Newsletter
- Established and Published Calendars
- Social Media Channels
- School Improvement Councils
- Parent Teacher Organizations