

# Allen East Local Schools

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Allen East Families,

March 9, 2026

In terms of weather, the 2025-2026 school year has been a difficult year to navigate. Allen East determines delays and cancelations when it is not safe to put buses on the road in the morning and have inexperienced, teenage drivers on the road when road conditions are hazardous. As a result, Allen East has canceled 9 full-days and had seven 2-hour delays. Allen East is required to have children in school for a minimum of 1,001 hours for grades 6-12, 910 hours for grades K-5 and 455 hours for pre-school.

Unfortunately, Allen East is now below the minimum hours seniors have to attend school and very close to going below the minimum hours for grades 6-11. As a result, to regain hours for seniors and build up a "cushion" for grades 6-11, Allen East will be adding time to the school day starting March 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning March 30<sup>th</sup> and lasting until May 1<sup>st</sup>, Allen East will start school at 7:45 am instead of the normal time of 8:15 am. This will allow all Allen East students to gain 11.5 additional instructional hours to hopefully make it through the rest of the school year.

As a result, the outside doors will open at 7:30 am for car drop off and bus release. The foyer doors will open at 7:20 am for students who arrive early. Buses will be at your home 30 minutes earlier from March 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will also have an impact on called 2-hour delays. School will start at 9:45 am on 2-hour delays with the doors opening at 9:30 am.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. We know that this can be an inconvenience to our families. Allen East takes the safety of your children very seriously and does not want to put buses and teenage drivers on the road when conditions are hazardous. If you have any concerns, feel free to reach out to Superintendent Mel Rentschler via email at [rentschlerm@alleneastschools.org](mailto:rentschlerm@alleneastschools.org) or via phone at (419) 648-3333 extension 1001.

## Summary

### March 30th to May 1st

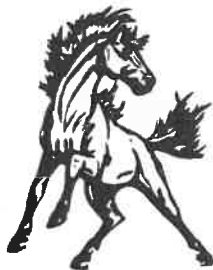
- School start time moving to 7:45 am
- Students enter the building at 7:30 am
- Foyers open at 7:20 am
- 2-hour delay start time 9:45 am

Regards,

  
Mel Rentschler-Superintendent

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## ALLEN EAST UPDATED SCHEDULE

**Effective: March 30th – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Activity	New Time	Notes
Foyers Open	7:20 AM	
Doors Open	7:30 AM	Car drop-off & bus release
School Starts	7:45 AM	30 mins earlier than normal
Buses Arrive	30 Mins Early	Adjusted for earlier start

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### If there is a 2-Hour Delay:

- Doors Open: 9:30 AM
- School Starts: 9:45 AM

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