

2-Hour "LATE START" for 2020-21

Westside Community Schools has a "2-hour late start" available in the event of inclement weather. This change allows us to call a snow day, a 2-hour late start, or a regular full day, depending on weather conditions. A 2-hour delay prevents us from losing an entire day of instruction while providing extra time for street clearing, parking lot and sidewalk snow removal, and less crowded roads for young drivers. Many districts around the state have used these for years.

As always, we will remain diligent in tracking weather, analyzing road conditions, and doing our best to make informed decisions with the most up-to-date information we can access. *PLEASE remember that YOU are always your child's #1 decision maker. If we ever have a full day of school or a late start on a day that YOU think we should have cancelled, please do what YOU think is best for your child.*

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL START TIME FOR STUDENTS ON A 2-HOUR LATE START DAY?

- **Elementary Schools** would begin two hours later at 10:30
- **Westside Middle School** would begin two hours later at 10:00 AM
- **Westside High School** would begin two hours later at 10:00 AM

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT BUS TRANSPORTATION?

- Bus routes would simply back up exactly two hours. If your child(ren) is picked up by the bus at 7:30 AM on a normal day, they would be picked up at 9:30 AM on a 2-hour late start day.

WHAT ABOUT WESTSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS?

- Westside's Early Childhood Centers will open at the same time that elementary buildings open on late-start days.
- There will be NO "Pre-School Only" program (8:30-11:30am) on late-start days.

WHAT ABOUT THE UNDERWOOD HILLS PEER MODEL PRESCHOOL?

- NO morning Peer Model Preschool on late start days. The afternoon Peer Model Preschool will open at regular time.

WILL THERE BE CLUB 66 ON LATE START DAYS?

- NO Club 66 in the morning of late start days. There will be Club 66 after school on late start days.

WHAT ABOUT AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES ON LATE START DAYS?

- All after-school activities, practices, meetings will be held as normally scheduled on late start days, unless otherwise directed by the school principal or district administration.

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS ON LATE START DAYS?

- School lunch will be provided on 2-hour late start days. The lunch schedule will be slightly adjusted, but lunch will be served. *Our normal school breakfast will NOT be served*, but "grab and go" breakfast options will be available to ensure that all children have the opportunity to eat something if they need to.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DECISIONS?

- Whenever possible, we will make an inclement weather decision and announcement by 9:30 PM the evening before to help our families plan ahead. There will be occasions when this is not possible and we will then look to make a decision/announcement/text alert by 5:45 AM the morning of a questionable weather day.
 - We will notify all parents and staff of a snow day or late start by text message, phone call, and/or email.
 - We will also post snow closing information on the district website, all social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), and we will notify local media outlets.
- Remember that YOU can always do what YOU think is best for your child(ren). If we have a full day of school or a late start on a day that you think is too dangerous or stressful for your family, YOU should do what YOU think is best for your child(ren).

WHEN DOES STAFF REPORT ON A LATE START DAY?

Emergency Staff Report Time:	Please report at your normal report time.
Teacher Report Time:	<i>Elementary - 10:00 am Middle School - 9:30 am High School - 9:30 am</i>
Food Service Report Time:	Please report per department instruction.
Grounds, Maintenance, Custodial:	Please report per department instruction.
All Other Staff Report Time:	Please report 2 hours after your normal report time, unless your normal report time begins after the late start time for your respective level.