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FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**WEDNESDAY DELAY DAYS  
BACKGROUND**

- Beginning Sept. 1-June 1, all schools will have a 30-minute student delay every Wednesday for staff professional development.
- Students will board their buses and start school 30 minutes later than usual.
- This schedule is a change from previous years when we conducted multiple 1- or 2-hour delays for professional development at the elementary level.
- This is the first year this type of professional development is occurring at all grade levels. In previous year, middle and high school staff attended full-day sessions.
- The change was necessary because of the state's 180-day mandate.
- FWCS cannot offer professional development for two hours a day and stay within the state's minimum daily minute count.
- If a school district does not meet the minimum number of minutes required for each day, the day does not count as an attendance day.
- While FWCS exceeds the minimum number of minutes, the District cannot bank those minutes to make up for lost time with a 2-hour delay.
- With those parameters, it was decided that schools would follow a consistent schedule of a 30-minute delay every Wednesday.
- This gives parents a consistent schedule to follow. There will be no more question about which day is a delay day.
- It gives staff members an opportunity once a week to meet, to review data, to talk about best practices in teaching, to collaborate, etc.
- Breakfast will continue to be served on Wednesdays.
- The YMCA before-school program will accommodate students for the additional 30 minutes.
- Any weather-related delays supersede the professional development delay.

Level	State Required Daily Instructional Time	FWCS Daily Instructional Time
Elementary	300 minutes	335 minutes
Middle	360 minutes	380 minutes
High	360 minutes	390 minutes