

Blackhawk Collaboration Time

This past December, AdvancEd did a review of our programs and practices. One area of concern is data analysis. Time is needed to review student assessments (NWEA, Star Reading, ISTEP, Accuplacer, etc.) to identify student strengths and weaknesses and also to drive classroom instruction. The purpose of giving tests is to not only see how students are progressing, but to make changes in instruction (do we need to spend more/less time on certain skills?) Focus must be given to curriculum, instruction, and assessment to truly grow academically.

Currently, Westville has a 30-minute late start on Wednesday. The time has been used for professional development and collaboration for teachers. While the time is certainly useful and appreciated, short blocks of time are not always beneficial for this purpose.

Indiana Code (IC 20-30-2-2,) requires that students receive a specific amount of instructional time each day. The requirements are 5 hours for elementary and 6 hours for secondary. Instructional time includes all classroom periods including a reasonable amount of passing time (IC 20-30-2-1) and excludes lunch and recess. Currently, our class day does exceed required instructional time by 20 minutes per day.

The administration and School Board would like to implement a new plan for collaboration. We will no longer have 30 minutes of collaboration time each week. Rather, we will "bank" minutes and schedule three late start days each semester. The dates are as follows:

September 10, 2018

February 11, 2019

October 8, 2018

March 11, 2019

November 12, 2018

April 8, 2019

Each collaboration day is scheduled for a MONDAY (the second Monday of each month) and will be the same format as a two-hour delay. If weather would warrant a delay, there would be no collaboration time that date.

We will also have two scheduled eLearning days which will be devoted entirely to Professional Development. Those dates are October 17th and April 19th. We will also be using eLearning days for inclement weather in addition to built in snow days.

As always, we appreciate the support of our parents and community. This collaboration enables educators to work together to discuss, learn, and plan ways to improve student achievement. Our school corporation's educators are committed to the collaboration time and its structured purpose.

More specific information will be shared at the start of the school year. It is our intent to provide calendar information as early as possible so parents can plan accordingly.

Lynn Johnson, Ed.S

Interim Superintendent

Approved by the MSD of New Durham Township Board of School Trustees May 16, 2018

Westville Schools 2018-2019 Academic Year Calendar

July 18						
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Events

First Day for Students

School Closed

Snow Make-Up Day

2-Hour Late Start

E-Learning Day

End of Quarter

Q1 (8/15-10/12)

Q2 (10/15-12/21)

Q3 (1/8-3/15)

Q4 (3/18-5/30)

P.M. P/T Conferences

Last Day for Students

June 8, 2019 Graduation

Teacher Work Day

Notes:

We also have two E-Learning days that may be used for inclement weather after our snow make-up days are depleted.

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