



Sand Springs Public Schools

What are Early Release Fridays?

Why is Sand Springs Public Schools going to a 30 minute “early release” schedule for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) starting September 7, 2018?

Sand Springs Public Schools is striving to improve student learning for all students. In order for teachers to develop assessments and Instructional strategies to reach all learners, the school district designated time to allow for teachers at all grade levels and across schools to collaborate. To implement this time, the schools will have a thirty minute early release on designated Fridays throughout the 2018-19 school year, where students will be released from school thirty minutes early.

Student’s Daily Schedule for Secondary and Elementary Students:

Students at the secondary level attend all of their classes, and elementary students receive instruction in all core subjects on PLC Friday’s within the shortened day. While students are released 30 minutes early, they will continue to receive both breakfast and lunch and all after-school extracurricular programs will run as normal.

PLC Friday Calendar:

Please visit the Sand Springs Public School website at www.sandites.org for the approved school calendar including early release days.

Will the buses still take my child home?

Yes, School buses will drop off students, at their regular bus stops, thirty minutes earlier than their regularly scheduled times on designated PLC Fridays.

What will teachers be doing during the 30 minute PLC early release?

Research indicates teachers working in collaboration with one another to improve student learning results in improved academic achievement for all students. Teachers will be working in grade level or subject level teams to identify power standards that students should master as a result of a class or course, develop common assessments to measure student progress on those standards, construct teaching strategies for students who may need additional time and support, and provide enrichment for students who have met the standards.

Who do I call if I have specific questions about what my student’s school is doing?

Call the building principal at your child’s school.