



FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

EARLY DISMISSAL/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FAQs

When are the Early Dismissal/ Professional Development days?

There are seven early dismissal days planned for the 2019-2020 school year, most of which fall on the last Wednesday of the month with the exception of the December date. Early Dismissal/Professional Development Days are scheduled as follows: August 28, 2019, September 25, 2019, October 30, 2019, December 11, 2019, January 29, 2020, February 26, 2020, and March 25, 2019.

What time does dismissal begin on Early Dismissal days?

Three hours prior to regular dismissal times. Please reference the chart below for each school's regular and corresponding early dismissal start time.

Schools by attendance area	Regular Dismissal Bell Time	Early Dismissal Bell Time	Schools by attendance area	Regular Dismissal Bell Time	Early Dismissal Bell Time
Glenwood Primary	2:45 p.m.	11:45 a.m.	Johnson Elementary	2:50 p.m.	11:50 a.m.
Armuchee Elementary	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	Model Elementary	2:45 p.m.	11:45 a.m.
Armuchee Middle	3:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	Model Middle	3:08 p.m.	12:08 p.m.
Armuchee High	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	Model High	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.
Alto Park Elementary	2:55 p.m.	11:55 a.m.	Pepperell Primary	2:40 p.m.	11:40 a.m.
Cave Spring Elementary	3:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Pepperell Elementary	3:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Garden Lakes Elementary	3:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Pepperell Middle (6th-7th)	2:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m.
Coosa Middle	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	Pepperell High (8th-12th)	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.
Coosa High	3:10 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	Transitional Academy	2:15 p.m.	11:15 a.m.

What meals will be provided for students on Early Dismissal days?

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all students as normal.

How will dismissal work? All regular dismissal rules apply and can be found in the student handbooks. Students needing to change the regular way they return home after school MUST have a written note giving the complete details of the request. This should be turned in to the office as soon as possible. Please make sure that anyone picking up your child is aware that they may be required to show proof of identity. This requirement assists the school personnel in their efforts to protect students.

How will after-school care work for my child?

After-school care will be provided at primary and elementary schools immediately following dismissal as normal. Any student who is not regularly enrolled in after-school care will only be allowed to stay if they have prepaid the after-school care fee of \$7. Cash or check is accepted. Snacks will be provided.

How will practice for sports and extracurricular activities work on Early Dismissal/ Professional Development days?

Teachers who also coach are expected to attend each professional development session with their fellow teachers. However, non-teacher coaches and assistant coaches may still start practices at the normal times. This will be determined by each coaching staff and will be communicated with parents.

Why are the Early Dismissal/ Professional Development days necessary?

Student learning and achievement increase when educators engage in effective professional development focused on the skills educators need in order to improve student outcomes. The seven early dismissal/ professional development days enable FCS to preserve instructional time in the classroom by blocking off three hours specifically dedicated for all educators district-wide to adequately meet and collaborate on items that are deemed essential for top performance and preparation. Items covered will include school improvement, training, review of data, and reflection.