

## **Early Release FAQ for Families**

### **Transportation**

Q: Will Early Head Start toddlers and CYESIS infants and toddlers be included in early release?

A: Yes. All Early Head Start children will be dismissed two-hours earlier on the early release Wednesdays. If your child is a car rider, then your child will need to be picked up at dismissal two hours earlier. There will not be childcare available at the school site. If your child is not picked up on time, the site-based administrator will follow district policies and procedures. All CYESIS children will be dismissed two-hours earlier on the early release Wednesdays. If your child is a car rider, then your child will need to be picked up at dismissal two hours earlier. There will not be childcare available at the school site. If your child is not picked up on time, the site-based administrator will follow district policies and procedures.

Q: Will preschool-age children also be released early on early release Wednesdays?

A: Yes. All preschool-age children will also be released early. Bus riders will be transported home and car riders will need to be picked up two hours earlier.

Q: How will this impact when my student's morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times on these days?

A: Morning pick up times are not impacted. Afternoon drop-off will occur two hours earlier on the designated Wednesday.

Q: What about my student who has On-the-Job Training (OJT), Community-Based Instruction (CBI), or early take-home?

A: ESE OJT and CBI activities will not be scheduled on early release days. ESE students that are on modified days will be evaluated individually to determine appropriate action.

Q: How will early release information be communicated to community daycares?

A: Each school site is responsible for communicating with the local community private providers who transport children. The school administrator will assign a designee to coordinate with their local private providers who drop off and pick up children. Early Childhood Programs will communicate with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) and request that ELC also provide the district early release information to all the private providers through newsletters and other ongoing communications. (Please remember that not all private providers/daycare/childcare/

family childcare homes are contracted with the ELC and may not receive the information from them).

Q: How will PLACE communicate to parents that they are still responsible for their children's transportation?

A: Parents of enrolled students will receive written communication regarding their responsibilities for pick-up from PLACE at the end of the day.

### **School Security**

Q: Will the SRO be on campus during the early release time?

A: School security (SROs and school safety guards) will be provided during student contact time.

Q: Will sheriff's office change cross walk lights and crossing guard hours?

A: We are working with the county and municipalities to adjust cross walk lights and crossing guard hours.

### **Food & Nutrition Services**

Q: Will my student still receive breakfast and lunch at school?

A: Yes. Your student(s) will still have breakfast and lunch on early release days.

Q: If my child stays after school, will they receive their after-school snack?

A: Students will receive snacks at PLACE or other tuition-based daycare programs to the extent they would on a normal student attendance day. Head Start and Early Head Start preschool children will not receive an afternoon snack on early release Wednesdays. Head Start preschool children who are in PLACE will receive an afternoon snack.

### **After-School Enrichment Programs**

Q: Can Head Start preschool-age (pre-k) children attend PLACE on early release days?

A: Head Start pre-k children *who are already enrolled and attend* PLACE throughout the year at FHES and PES can attend PLACE after early dismissal. Regular pick-up policies (i.e. late fees and pick-up times) will still apply. Head Start pre-k children who attend PES or FHES and wish to

attend PLACE on the early release days may follow the early release registration process and purchase either the package or the individual drop-in days.

Q: Will after-school care be offered on the early release days?

A: Yes, each PLACE location will provide after-school care for all *registered* clients; registration must be completed in advance for any family that requires care only on early release days.

Q: How do I register for after-school care if I only need it on the early release days?

A: There are package options for parents who require child care only on early release days.

- Families that choose to enroll their elementary student(s) in after-school care at PLACE on the early release days can register beginning May 13, 2019, using this link: <https://myasep.com/earlyrelease/>. Registration must be completed prior to September 6, 2019.
- Families that choose to enroll their middle school student(s) in after-school care at Beyond the Bell on the early release days can register beginning May 13, 2019, using this link: <https://myasep.com/earlyrelease/>. Registration must be completed prior to September 6, 2019.

Q: What are the package options?

A: There are package options for parents who require after-school care only on early release days.

Registration packages include two options:

- Families may purchase a package of eight (8) early release days - afternoon only (non-refundable) for \$160 per student. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee will be waived when purchasing a package. Packages must be purchased prior to September 6, 2019.
- Families that need care on select early release days must register prior to the day care is needed and pay the \$30 non-refundable registration fee. These families will be charged the drop-in (afternoons only) rate of \$31 per student, payable no later than the afternoon the drop-in service is utilized.

Q. Will there be guaranteed space?

A: Space will be available for all those that preregister. To ensure staffing ratios, only preregistered students may attend.

Q: Will the fees be the same for Beyond the Bell as they are for PLACE?

A: Yes. The early release package price for all eight (8) days or the individual drop-in rate per afternoon will be the same for Beyond the Bell and PLACE. See [https://myasep.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Early\\_Release\\_Fee\\_Schedule.pdf](https://myasep.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Early_Release_Fee_Schedule.pdf).

Q: What about STAR and DELTA programs?

A: STAR and DELTA programs are federally funded grant programs and attendance is restricted to current registered full-time program participants. Students who require after-school care on early release days, but do not currently participate in the STAR program at their school, may register and ride the bus that transports students from their school to the designated school where a PLACE program is located. Parents then pick up their student at the PLACE program location. The DELTA programs located at Gulf, Hudson, and R.B. Stewart middle schools do not have transportation to any other program location.

Q: How will this impact children of school staff members?

A: Children of school board employees may register for one of the early release day package options and receive a 10% discount off the fees.

Q: What if my child's school does not provide PLACE? What will I do then?

A: Students who do not attend a school where PLACE is located can participate by riding the bus that brings currently registered students from that school to the designated school where PLACE is located. Parents then pick up their student at that school. Students must be registered by September 6, 2019.

Q: Will school-wide tutoring sessions be available for my child during this time?

A: No, but students attending PLACE or Beyond the Bell will receive their normal homework assistance and homework time.

### **Athletic Practices/Events or Other After-School Activities**

Q: How will students be supervised on campus prior to practice or games if they must stay on campus due to transportation issues?

A: For middle and high schools, there will be a supervised study hall provided for all students who remain on campus during this time. For elementary schools, after-school activities and events will not be scheduled during the eight (8) early release Wednesdays.

### **Parent-Teacher Communication**

Q: Will school staff (e.g. teachers, school counselors) be available for conferences during the early release time?

A: No. This time is for professional development; school staff will be working together to enhance their skills to better serve your students.

Q: Can my child's IEP meeting be scheduled during this time?

A: No. This time is for professional development; school staff will be working together to enhance their skills to better serve your students.

Q: Will my child have field trips planned on this day?

A: No. Field trips will be scheduled around early release days.