

LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parents:

To provide collaboration time for teachers, the class schedule for Wednesdays is modified from the regular school schedule. Student drivers/car riders will be dismissed at 2:20 pm every Wednesday unless notified by the school. Since buses will run on the normal schedule, students who elect to ride buses will remain at school in a teacher guided study hall until 3:15 pm. These study halls will provide students the opportunity to complete their homework assignments and receive additional support before leaving school with the assistance of LFO staff members.

Also during this time, some career and co-curricular clubs will meet, the jazz band will practice, drama will rehearse, and there will be a Wednesday detention which students may be assigned for disciplinary purposes. A "Test Center" will also be provided for students who need to re-take or make-up a test. Students will need to make arrangements with their classroom teacher to schedule retakes in the Test Center.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and early dismissal:

Why is LFO High School releasing students early for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)?

LFO High School is striving to improve student learning for all students. Last year, we received our first ever 5-star school climate rating, outpaced the district and state in academic growth, and we had the highest graduation rate in our school's history! 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 high school grade levels and schools to collaborate. To implement this time, the schools will have a 55 minute early release on Wednesdays.

Is the high school released early on the same days as the other high schools?

Yes. A survey of our administrators showed that having all schools release early on the same day will be the most convenient scenario for our families.

Will the buses still take my child home?

At LFO, Students will be encouraged, challenged, equipped, and motivated to succeed.

Yes. School buses will drop off students, at their regular bus stops.

What will students who remain at school be doing during the one hour PLC early release?

Students who remain at school will participate in a teacher guided study hall until 3:15 pm. These study halls will provide students the opportunity to complete their homework assignments and receive additional support before leaving school with the assistance of LFO staff members. Also, some career and co-curricular clubs will meet. A "Test Center" will also be provided for students who need to re-take or make-up a test.

When do the one hour PLC early releases begin?

One hour PLC early releases will begin at LFO High School the first Wednesday of the school year and continue the remainder of the school year.

Are there any schedule changes for LFO High School this school year?

No. LFO High School will continue offer a unified FLEX Lunch this year. FLEX is a 59 minute lunch period which allows students the opportunity to participate in clubs, tutoring, co-curricular activities, meet with mentors, etc. FLEX is a privilege that can be earned, lost, and re-earned to ensure all students have additional time to learn and build healthy relationships. Please see the LFO website for more details!

What are the essential standards and what do they mean for my student?

Essential standards are defined as the state standards that are critical for student success. Through the identification of Essential standards, teachers teach the most critical standards in the order of priority. Essential standards identify the guaranteed curriculum and standards that will be taught for each student, regardless of which classroom they are in.

Is there any additional costs to the district for this program and from which budget is it being paid?

The Professional Learning Community (PLC) early release is cost neutral.

Who monitors the programs to ensure that 100% of the meeting time is used for this program and not used for unrelated business?

Principals at each school maintain the agendas and minutes from each of the PLC teams within their schools.

How will the school make up this time to students to comply with state requirements for instructional hours and days?

LFO High School meets the requirements for instructional hours and days as established by the Georgia Department of Education.

Just like you, I want your child to be successful. This adjustment in our Wednesday schedule helps us to ensure that your child will receive the highest quality instruction from the best prepared teachers in the nation, every day, without exception! If you have any questions, please email or call me. Feathers up!

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Principal