



# BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Why Late Arrival?

Late Arrival days are new for Buckeye during the 2017-18 school year. They were implemented for a number of reasons and I would like to take this opportunity to better explain how we use them to provide high quality instruction.

Keeping up with all the changes to curriculum, legal requirements and licensure requirements takes a lot of time. In the past, we were sending our professional staff out of district for professional development, which meant our students were being taught by substitutes way too often. In an effort to train our teachers and reduce the amount of substitute teachers we need, we decided to implement our Late Arrival schedule.

During the 2-hour delay on our Late Arrival days we focus on many aspects of professional development for our teachers. We have planned activities and expectations at district and building levels that are aligned to district goals and the strategic plan for our teachers to accomplish each month during this time. The major focus is improving classroom instruction and allowing for important collaboration between grade level teachers and same subject area teachers. We feel that these monthly opportunities to meet as a staff are better meeting our teachers' needs and offer much more support than previous schedules. Because of this, we find Late Arrivals to be very productive in comparison to our January in-service days of the past.

We realize that Late Arrivals can cause hardships on our families, however we appreciate the many families that have assisted each other and helped to reduce this hardship. If families have no other options please contact your child's school office.

We have also seen a drop in our requests for our district staff's professional development days in comparison to last year at this time. That is a savings for the district of approximately \$10,000. This means your child is getting more time with their regular classroom teacher and therefore getting the best education possible.

We are proud of the work of our staff members and are continually impressed with the gains they have made this year!

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