

NISD Teacher Planning Time/Student Early Dismissal FAQ

1. Why do teachers need extra time to plan and prepare?

Teachers are having to plan and deliver instruction and support for two instructional settings: In-Person and Virtual. All teachers' workloads have changed dramatically from a normal school year, yet they still have the same amount of planning time. We believe the quality of instruction will improve with teachers having more time to prepare quality lessons, develop assessments, analyze student data and collaborate as a professional learning community.

2. What days will Teacher Planning Time/Student Early Dismissal occur?

January 13
January 27
February 24
March 24
April 28
May 19

[Link the nisd new calendar here](#)

3. What does the Teacher Planning Day schedule look like at all levels?

	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Dismissal</u>	<u>Duty Free Lunch</u>	<u>Teacher Planning Time</u>
<u>Elementary</u>	<u>7:45 - 11:45</u>	<u>11:45</u>	<u>11:45 - 12:15</u>	<u>12:25 - 3:25</u>
<u>Middle School</u>	<u>8:40 - 12:40</u>	<u>12:40</u>	<u>12:40 - 1:10</u>	<u>1:20 - 4:20</u>
<u>High School</u>	<u>9:00 - 1:00</u>	<u>1:00</u>	<u>1:00 - 1:30</u>	<u>1:45 - 4:45</u>

4. When will a decision be finalized regarding Teacher Planning Days?

A recommendation for the second semester will be taken before the School Board in November. At this time, we are only considering teacher planning days for the 2020-21 school year.

5. Does a student have to leave campus when the morning instructional day ends?

A student can remain on campus until the end of the official school end time with adult supervision from Paraprofessionals, substitutes or other staff members. Students may be picked up anytime between the early dismissal time to the end of the school day. Campuses will send home permission slips to families to indicate how their child will get home and if they will need to have adult supervision until the end of the school day.

6. Will transportation be provided?

Bus transportation will continue to be provided to all qualifying students in the morning, mid afternoon and at the end of the regular school day. Early dismissal bus times will be four (4) hours earlier than the normal drop off time.

7. What will be Learning Tree times?

Learning Tree will start at the original dismissal time. The parent pick-up time for Learning Tree will be the same as a normal school day.

8. What type of activities will students be engaged in during the on-campus supervision time (pm) and who will monitor the students?

Activities will include study hall type activities (reading, working on homework, etc.) as well as some structured activities (playground time, etc.). During this time, we will be practicing social distancing and adhering to safety precautions as the normal school day.

9. Can a child who is normally an In-Person student attend virtually from home during these teacher planning days?

Yes, students who have access to technology and the internet may log in and complete work online to count as present. Attendance is very important for all students everyday.

10. How will early release for half day PreK students work?

Our PreK students (AM and PM Schedules) will attend a morning modified schedule as listed below:

PreK AM 7:45-9:50 AM

PreK PM 9:50-11:45 AM

11. Will students have the opportunity to eat lunch before dismissal?

Yes, all campuses will have lunch times built into their schedule.