

Information Regarding 2-Hour Delayed Starts and Early Dismissals

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding the differences between District 11 2-hour delayed starts/early dismissals and delayed starts/early dismissals at Peterson AFB. The following information should be of some help:

Delayed Starts

If District 11 calls a 2-hour delayed start, all D11 school buses will pick up students from their regular stops 2 hours later than their normally scheduled times. This means that school begins at 10:00 am at McAuliffe Elementary.

If Peterson AFB has a 2-hour delay, but District 11 does not, all D11 school buses will pick up students from their regular stops at their normal times. This means that students attending the Peterson Youth Center (PYC) can be picked up in the youth center parking lot at their regularly scheduled time. Parents must take their students to the PYC and wait for buses to pick up students. If your student attends the PYC and you live off-base, you may or may not be able to get your student to the PYC. In this instance, you should bring your student directly to school at the regular start time; school begins at 8:00 am at McAuliffe Elementary.

Please remember: You as a parent make the final decision concerning the safety of your child. If you think conditions are unsafe when the district keeps schools open, you may keep your child at home. Your child's absence will be excused, and all work may be made up without penalty. Please call the McAuliffe Attendance Line at 228-0936 if your student will not be attending school due to weather concerns.

On days that there is a District 11 delayed-start, there will be no AM Preschool classes and breakfast will not be served.

Early Dismissals

In the event that District 11 decides to dismiss school early due to inclement weather conditions, the district will inform the media and utilize other available forms of communication, not later than **11 a.m.** that schools will dismiss students two hours earlier than normal. This means that students at McAuliffe Elementary will be dismissed at **12:30 pm**. All District 11 school busses will pick students up from McAuliffe Elementary at 12:30 pm and arrive at their regular destinations approximately 2 hours earlier than normal.

If Peterson AFB closes early, but District 11 does not, McAuliffe Elementary will dismiss at the regularly scheduled time (2:30 pm) and buses will run as scheduled. Parents working at Peterson AFB may pick up their students early when the base closes, or wait until the end of the school day.

On days that District 11 has an early release, there will be no PM Preschool classes and after-school and evening activities are cancelled.

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