



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Board
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MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

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FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
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RE: Early Release

Stephanie Bell
District III

In the state of Alabama, the only early release options during the prescribed school day must be for students who are released to a planned and supervised educational or Work-Based Learning experience, i.e., Cooperative Education, Apprenticeship Programs, Internships, Dual Enrollment, Early College Enrollment, Extended Learning Opportunities, or other programs approved by the Alabama State Department of Education. There are numerous scheduling options currently in place across the state (block scheduling, seven-period day, and six-period day).

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

Please know that I support innovation in its broadest sense, as long as we are addressing the needs of our students with a focus on college and career readiness, while fulfilling the regulations and laws as they apply to public education. Additionally, when considering early release for students, please ensure they are on track to meet all graduation requirements. For questions or more information, please contact Dr. Jimmy Hull, Assistant State Superintendent of Education, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, by telephone at 334-694-4876 or by email at jimmy.hull@alsde.edu.

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