

Monthly Late Starts

If you have reviewed the 2009-2010 school calendar for our District (or if you have not yet seen it, go to <http://osd.wednet.edu>), you'll notice that from October through June, there will be a monthly one-hour late start for teacher collaboration. The one-hour late starts are October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, May 5 and June 2. These dates replace three early release days that we have held over the past couple of years. On one-hour late start days, our classes will start at 9:00 a.m. and students will attend all their classes. Teacher collaboration time offers our instructors a chance to work with each other to design lesson plans, discuss successful curriculum and develop interventions to help struggling students. Research indicates that regular, consistent teacher collaboration is a critical element to promote student learning. We also understand that late starts and early releases, regardless of the importance of the purpose, can be a hardship for our families and look forward to working with you to minimize any inconvenience it may cause.