

Frequently Asked Questions:

Implementing a delayed start for Professional Learning Community (PLC) work and district inservice in the Clarkston School District

1. What is a delayed start for Professional Learning Community (PLC) work and educational inservice?

A delayed start means students start school later on a certain day. During this time teachers meet in groups called PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) and participate in district inservice to work collaboratively on ways to increase students' academic performance.

2. What is a Professional Learning Community (PLC)?

A PLC is a group of teachers that meet as a team to accomplish the following:

- Evaluate each student's academic progress.
- Plan lessons and activities together.
- Share ideas that work well in the classroom.
- Create plans to help students who need extra support.

These meetings help teachers improve and support student success.

3. What happens in a PLC meeting during the delayed start?

Teachers follow a PLC process to:

- Look at student data to see what students need.
- Set goals to help students improve.
- Share ideas and plan lessons together.
- Check if their plans are working and make changes if needed.

4. How often will delayed start days be scheduled for PLC work?

Delayed start days will happen every Wednesday, and families will receive the schedule ahead of time to help with planning.

5. When will the delayed start begin?

This will start in the fall of 2025.

6. How will the delayed start change school hours for students?

On delayed start days, school will start one hour later than usual. The end time will stay the same.

7. Will there be any options for child care?

The district is planning on sending out a survey to determine how best to support families.

8. What about buses?

Bus pick-up times will be adjusted to match the later start. Families will get the new bus schedules ahead of time.

9. How will the district assess if PLC work is helping?

The district will look at:

- How students are doing on tests and assignments.
- Feedback from teachers about the PLC meetings.
- Changes and improvements based on what they learn from the PLCs.

10. How can parents help?

Parents can:

- Keep track of the delayed start schedule.
- Help their kids adjust to the new routine.
- Talk to teachers about how the PLCs are helping their children.

11. What about breakfast?

Students can still eat breakfast at school, just one hour later than usual.

12. Who can I contact for more information?

If you have questions, contact your school principal.

This FAQ will be updated as we receive more feedback and make changes.