

River Valley 2025-26 School Calendar (Early Release Wednesdays)

Which days will students have early release during the 2025-26 school year?

EVERY WEDNESDAY, with dismissal times at each building as follows. **Parents picking up students should pick them at the following times:**

- ~~ELC dismissal: 1:20 pm~~
- Elementary ~~School and Intermediate School~~ dismissal: ~~4:40~~ 1:45 pm
- Middle School ~~and~~ /High School dismissal: 2:00 pm

Will buses run the end of day routes earlier on Wednesdays?

Yes. Buses will run the **normal** end of day routes, just earlier each Wednesday. Buses will depart around 2:10 pm, which is 80 minutes earlier than a regular school day when the buses depart around 3:30 pm. **Expect children riding the bus to be home about 80 minutes earlier on Wednesdays.**

How will this early release impact parents who may not be able to pick up their children earlier? The RVSD will offer **FREE supervised care for students UNTIL 3:30 pm** at the Elementary School, **Intermediate School, and** Middle School, ~~and~~ /High School. This includes middle school and high school students involved in after school activities. (After school activities will not start before 3:30 pm.) ~~ELC students that desire supervised care until 3:30 pm will be transported to the elementary school for care.~~ **If a child stays on school grounds until 3:30 pm on Wednesdays, parents will have to pick up their student at 3:30 pm.** Families will have to sign up their students during school registration next summer.

Does the district offer any extended care services after 3:30 pm, and if so, what is the cost? The only extended care after 3:30 pm is our current Before/After School Program for elementary **and intermediate** students that runs until 5:30 pm. You can find fees and [registration information here](https://www.rvschools.org/family/beforeafterschool.cfm).
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Will there be additional bus routes running at 3:30 pm? No. **If a child stays on school grounds until 3:30 pm on Wednesdays, parents will have to pick up their student at 3:30 pm.** Elementary **and intermediate** students staying after 3:30 pm will be charged per the Before/After School Program, which runs until 5:30 pm, and then parents must pick up students. Pre-registration is required for the Before/After School Program. For information on fees and registration, [please visit our website here](https://www.rvschools.org/family/beforeafterschool.cfm).
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How will the district ensure that the early release time is effective for teachers and students? It is important to know that the staff will be working in teams and continuing to collaborate around student data, teaching practices, and how to best meet the learning needs of children. Our students have been making progress, and we want to ensure this growth and student achievement continues. The staff need time to work in grade levels and departments. We plan to measure success by monitoring the performance of our students with programs such as AIMSweb, iReady, PreAct, and Forward exam scores.

How does this impact instructional time for my child(ren)?

The 2025-26 school calendar ensures that all students will still meet the required hours of instruction set by the State of Wisconsin. The 2025-26 calendar still allows for two canceled days due to inclement weather. All other days beyond the first two will be virtual.