

Early Release Policy

The MCSD Board of Education believes that an Early Educational Release Program can provide students with experiences that will enable them to learn:

- (A) The knowledge gained in the classroom can be applied to ongoing experiences in the work-a-day world.
- (B) That basic life skills will be developed which will enable the student to make advantageous entry into the world of work upon graduation.

Definitions:

Early Release – shall mean granting official permission to a student who is not in an approved educational release program to leave school after at least four hours of instruction.

Approved Educational Release Program – shall mean those work-study programs sanctioned by the State Department of Education and the Muscogee County Board of Education.

Student(s) – shall mean anyone enrolled in grades 11 and 12 only.

Regulations:

- (A) Parental consent in written form is required from parent/guardians of students involved in an early release program.
- (B) All requests for early work release must be made to the Principal or designee.
- (C) Early work release for students not enrolled in approved programs may be granted to those who present clear and convincing evidence of a financial hardship. Such financial hardship must be of a nature that would seriously affect the student's ability to attend school.
- (D) Students involved in early work release will not be required to maintain a specific grade average for participation.
- (E) The Principal or designee must review and evaluate annually all requests for participation in the early release program.
- (F) Principals are directed to keep records on all students who qualify for an early release program. They must make certain that those students who qualify are enrolled.
- (G) In the event of disagreement between or among all parties regarding approval or denial of early work release, the Principal shall submit a report of the situation to the Chief Academic Officer who will make a determination and issue a decision.