2020-21 School Year Block-Out Dates

Dates Subject to Change

Off-Campus District Required Professional Learning Workshops:

- August 31st – Sept. 14th first 10 days of school
- May 21st – June 4th last 10 days of school
- Early Release Days:
  All students will be released approximately one hour early on the 6 Wednesdays listed below:
  
  December 2
  January 6
  February 3
  March 3
  April 7
  May 19

State Testing:

Block-out dates are intended to keep students and staff directly impacted by state testing in the classroom environment prior to and during testing.

- ELA Assessment Block-Out Dates Grade 3: March 29-April 16
- ELA Writing Component Block-Out Dates Grades 4-10: March 29 – April 16
- ELA/Math/Science Assessment Block-Out Dates Grades 3-6: April 26 – May 14
- ELA/Math/Science Assessment Block-Out Dates Grades 7-10: April 26 – May 28
- EOC Assessment Block-Out Dates Secondary: April 26-May 28

During Block-Out Dates for State Testing schools should abide by the following:

- No temporary duty should be approved for a teacher who is impacted by testing if a substitute is required.
- No staff development that requires a teacher to miss class should be scheduled.
- No student should participate in an activity that prevents them from taking a state assessment.
- Co-curriculum activities such as music competitions, science fairs and FFA competitions are allowed. Please communicate with your school’s testing coordinator so arrangements can be made for these students to test around these activities.
- Field studies can be approved for grades/subjects not scheduled to test.
In addition to the above guidelines, the collective bargaining agreement between the School Board and VTO contains the following restrictions on Paid Personal Leave:

*Paid Personal Leave shall not be used during the week prior to the FSA ELA writing component, ELA, math, and NGSSS science being administered, or on any day in which those assessments are being administered, excluding make up days, without the specific approval of the principal.*

Please note that there is no guarantee that Paid Personal leave requests will be approved for a teacher during the week prior to, or day of an EOC exam for a course taught by that teacher.

*Any modifications to these guidelines must be approved by your Assistant Superintendent.*