

Monroe County Schools

News Release

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On Wednesday, December 14, 2005, Monroe County Schools will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing time for staff development under the new WV Law which allows schools to accrue instructional time which can then be used for staff development purposes.

Because high schools require the greatest amount of time of instruction, the county is required to schedule 345 minutes a day for instructional time at James Monroe. Because the school is in session a total of 350 minutes, the county accrues five minutes per day in session. Counties had asked the Legislature last year to provide additional time for teacher training, given the requirements of No Child Left Behind and the new strategic planning required by the state. The Legislature's response was to provide for the use of accrued instructional time (once called "banked time") for staff development purposes.

Since the beginning of the school year, the county has accrued 330 minutes as of December 6. The school system will spend 150 minutes of that time on December 14, by dismissing early. Buses will leave school at 1:00 on that day.