



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
PACIFIC SOUTH DISTRICT, OKINAWA JP
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
UNIT 5166 APO AP 96368-5166**



July 9th, 2025

DoDEA Pacific South Parents,

Here in DoDEA Pacific South, we are always looking for ways to improve the educational experience we provide for military-connected students.

This summer, we spent time reviewing school schedules with the goal of maximizing instructional time. **After careful consideration, we determined the best way to increase instructional time is to extend the school day by 20 minutes across all Pacific South schools, effective for the 2025-26 school year.**

The revised school hours for each school are as follows:

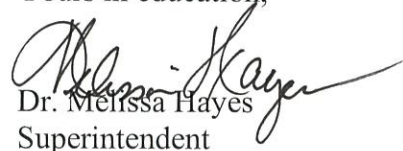
School	SY 24-25 School Hours	SY 25-26 School Hours
Amelia Earhart Intermediate	0905-1520	0905-1540
Bechtel Elementary	0850-1500	0850-1520
Bob Hope Elementary	0850-1500	0850-1520
Kadena Elementary	0850-1500	0850-1520
Kadena Middle	0725-1355	0725-1415
Kadena High	0720-1405	0720-1425
Killin Elementary	0900-1455	0900-1515
Kinser Elementary	0830-1450	0830-1510
Kubasaki High	0710-1350	0710-1410
Lester Middle	0715-1350	0715-1410
Ralph Stearley Primary	0900-1515	0900-1535
Ryukyu Middle	0715-1350	0715-1410
Zukeran Elementary	0730-1340	0730-1400

The Student Transportation Office will provide all bus riders with updated bus stop arrival times to reflect the new dismissal times.

Research suggests this small increase in instructional time will have a great impact on student achievement. As a district, we will continue to closely monitor student data to inform decision-making.

Thank you for your partnership and support,

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Hayes", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Melissa Hayes
Superintendent
DoDEA Pacific South