

MOUNDS VIEW MUSTANGS SOFTBALL

Early Dismissal Plan - 2024

Season Game Plan

- The MVHS regular school day draws to a close at 3:15 PM daily.
- No bus will be provided for home games.
- Busing is provided for all away games; athletes must use the bus both to and from games.
- Parents must notify coaches in advance if a student cannot ride the bus.
- No bus from Chippewa to MVHS due to driver shortage. Middle school players must arrange their transportation to MVHS for away games or go directly to Rice Creek for home games.
- 20 total games scheduled for Varsity/JV teams: 8 home, 12 away, with one Varsity game at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, University of Minnesota. Freshman schedule pending finalization.

Game Times

- Start times determined by the SEC:
 - Varsity/JV Home: 5:00 PM
 - Varsity/JV Away: 4:30 PM (except for Irondale, Forest Lake, Hastings, and Becker)
 - Freshman: 4:15 PM
 - TBD – Freshman/Middle Schoolers Traveling with Freshman Baseball for away games.

Pregame

- Ideal pregame duration: 1 to 1.5 hours for warm-up, hitting, throwing, fundamentals, and fielding.
- Departure for away games around 2:30 PM, varying based on distance.
- Warm-up duration:
 - Varsity/JV (home and away): 1.5 hours
 - Freshman (away): 1 hour



Early Dismissal and Flexibility:

- On early dismissal days, players/parents may choose to remain in class. If they miss the bus, they may drive to the game.
- Planning, communication, and flexibility are crucial:
 - Students should communicate with teachers in advance regarding early dismissal and homework arrangements.
 - Coaches email the Attendance Secretary nightly with early dismissals for the next day's games, communicated to teachers the following morning.
 - Effective communication and flexibility among students, parents, teachers, and coaches are essential.

Specific Plan

Freshman Team:

- Home Games: Players are released at 2:20 PM; warm-ups start at 3:15 PM. Athletes will need a ride provided.
 - Middle School dismissal at parent's request, players drive directly to Rice Creek, meeting at 3:15 PM for warm-ups.
- Away Games: Players are released at 2:10 PM, the bus departs MVHS at 2:30 PM (2:45 PM for some locations), players at the away field by 3:15 PM.
 - Middle School dismissal at parent's request, players meet at MVHS, bus departs at 2:30 PM, meeting at the away field by 3:15 PM.

Varsity/JV:

- Travel together for both home and away games.
 - Home Games: Players are released at 2:20 PM; warm-ups start at 3:00 PM.
 - Away Games: Players are released at 2:10 PM, the bus departs MVHS at 2:30 PM (2:45 PM for some locations), players at the away field by 3:00 PM.

Note: Education remains the top priority, and players can stay in class beyond early dismissal. Communication with coaches is vital for late arrivals due to class.

