

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Greenwich, CT

March 2017  
Changing School Bell Times Update

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BELL TIMES ARE CHANGING**

The Board of Education's [School Start Time Ad Hoc Committee](#) is working with GPS administration and School Bus Consultants (SBC) to plan for changing school bell times and to address potential impacts that changing school bell times may have in a variety of areas.

**New Bell Times effective for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

	Preschool	Elementary	Middle	High
Start	8:30 a.m. (NSS, PKW, OGS) 8:15 a.m. (HAS)	8:15 a.m. (HAS, JCS, NLS) 8:45 a.m. (CCS, GLV, ISD, NMS, NSS, OGS, PKW, RIV)	8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Dismissal	1:30 p.m. (NSS, PKW, OGS) 2:30 p.m. (HAS)	2:45 p.m. (HAS, JCS, NLS) 3:15 p.m. (CCS, GLV, ISD, NMS, NSS, OGS, PKW, RIV)	2:50 p.m.	3:15 p.m.
Change from current times	<b>No Change</b>	<b>No Change</b>	15 minutes later	60 minutes later

**UPDATES**

**GENERAL**

**Childcare Survey.** District administration notified GPS families of the Childcare Survey on March 24, providing a link to the survey with a deadline of April 7. The purpose of the survey is to understand potential changing childcare needs as a result of the new school start times to share with private childcare providers for their planning purposes.

**Public School Bus Schedules** for 2017-2018 will be released to families on or about July 1, 2017, a full month earlier than typically distributed.

**School bus transportation to Boys and Girls Club** next year will be provided using capacity available through Greenwich Public Schools' contractor - Student Transportation of America (STA). This allows Boys and Girls Club staff to remain at the facility to greet elementary students arriving before Greenwich High School students are able to arrive to assist with the after school program.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Early Release.** A standard two-hour early release time will be maintained for GHS in 2017-2018 for both planned (on school calendar) and unanticipated\* (e.g. weather) closings. Based on the new high school schedule, lunch will be served on two-hour early release days next year.

*\*unanticipated closings are subject to altered times depending on specific conditions*

**Athletics.** Greenwich High School athletic program offerings (i.e. sports/teams at all levels of play) for 2017-18 will remain consistent with current offerings; practice schedules and game/contest times may require adjustments.

**Public transportation bus passes** will be available at discounted rates at Greenwich High School beginning April 1, 2017. Visit the school store in Student Activities for more information and/or purchase a CT Transit Bus Pass.

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**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

**Early Release.** Food service on Early Release days in 2017-2018 will remain the same as this year.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- *Bell Time Updates* will be sent monthly on the fourth Friday of the month via email and posted to the [GPS website](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on Changing School Bell Times
- Follow the [BOE Ad Hoc Committee's](#) work
- We encourage you to send your questions to the Office of the Superintendent at [salvatore\\_corda@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:salvatore_corda@greenwich.k12.ct.us). Questions of general interest will be included in the next update and specific questions will be addressed with whatever information is current.