

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Greenwich, CT

February 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, OGS, PKW) 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, OGS, PKW) 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 will issue a Childcare Survey on March 6 in an effort to understand potential changing childcare needs as a result of the new school start times to share with private organization childcare providers for their planning purposes. Look for the email subject: GPS Childcare Survey on March 6 in your inbox.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**Bell Times.** School bell (start and dismissal) times for ALL elementary schools (and for the preschool program) **will not change** for 2017-2018.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Public Transportation.** Reduced rate student fares for public bus transportation will be available for purchase at Greenwich High School (GHS) beginning this school year. Look for information from GHS by April 2017

**Schedule.** – The new block schedule limits the number of classes missed in any one course due to early dismissal for athletic commitments and maintains the current times (approx. one period earlier) for lunch. The facility will open at the same time (6:00 a.m.), the food court and media center will open at 7:45 a.m. and late buses will run at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**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

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- 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.