

GREENWICH PUBIC SCHOOLS
Greenwich, CT

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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. This monthly update will be distributed on the fourth Friday of each month through the end of this school year in order to update the community on plans for the new bell times. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available on the GPS website.

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

| | Preschool | Elementary | Middle | High |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Start | To be confirmed | | 8:00 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. |
| Dismissal | (Most, if not all, elementary schools' bell times will remain the same – see update below) | | 2:50 p.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Change from current times | | | 15 minutes later | 60 minutes later |

UPDATES

GENERAL

Transportation. District administration has confirmed with the State that reduced fare public transportation will be available for those that may require it.

HIGH SCHOOL

Block Schedule. A revised block schedule has been constructed to minimize the impact of students who may need to leave early for afterschool activities. Lunch will continue to be provided in roughly the same time frame. The high school facility will continue to open at the same time, 6:00 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

As previously noted, middle schools will continue to open their buildings at 7:15 a.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

2017-2018 Bell Times. The BOE School Start (Bell) Times Ad Hoc Committee and administration are working diligently with School Bus Consultants to try to minimize changes, if any, to elementary school bell times. The September 2016 proposal called for at least two schools' bell times to change, with the remaining nine schools maintaining their 8:15 a.m. or 8:45 a.m. start times. Bells times for elementary schools will be finalized by March 2017.

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. Questions of general interest will be included in the next update and specific questions will be addressed with whatever information is current.