

2018-19 Bell Schedules

With the dissolution of the one year 2017-18 elementary prep time MOU, bell times will need to be adjusted for the 2018-19 school year.

All year, staff and members of the board have gathered input and monitored the impacts, gains, and unintended consequences of the elementary prep time MOU. The MOU allowed for the increase in the elementary student day to the same length as the middle school day (an average of 6 hours 55 minutes.) This alignment brought us efficiencies in transportation so that we could start all of our middle schools at a later time, a recommendation based on research and the need for the adolescent brain to have more sleep in the morning.

Changes and impacts include:

- Elementary school day reverting to an average of 6 hours and 35 minutes
- Elementary schools will retain a standardized length
 - A benefit gained 17-18 reorganization of bus routes
 - In previous years, elementary varied in their student instructional day
- Returned ability of elementary schools to gain more efficient coordination of operations and meetings that teachers are needed for before and after school
- Middle schools will no longer have the same bell schedule, losing the late start and PLC time alignment
- Most schools will revert back to a start time similar to the 2016-17 school year, times preferred by parents we heard from
- Improved traffic congestion at NAMS and NAE with separation of start times, as there is an anticipated significant increase in traffic with Oak Grove students joining the NAMS/NAES campuses in 18-19 during the school rebuild

Staff are currently working on the finer details for bell time recommendations at each of our schools. The new recommendation will be submitted for Board review and approval per policy *BBA: Board Powers and Duties*.