

Q: How will this impact transportation at my school?

A: The district two-tier schedule for elementary schools (8:00-2:00/9:00-3:00) was built specifically to accommodate efficiency with our transportation system. With all schools making consistent changes to their bell schedules (adding 12 minutes to the end of each day), there should be little impact to transportation.

Q: Do schools release students early on the first day of school?

A: Since the first day of school is the first Thursday of the month, there would not be Collaborative Time (the contract calls for faculty meetings to be held on the first Thursday of the month and not collaborative time). The yearlong calendar is based on banking the appropriate minutes on every day throughout the year. As a result, and to keep the schedule consistent for families, the first day schedule will be the same as all Thursdays (with early release). Schools should treat the faculty meeting on the first day of school just like they have in years past.

Q: Do teachers still need to be at school 15 minutes before school and stay 15 minutes after?

A: Yes. The language in the contract about the 15 minutes before and after school is unchanged. On Thursdays, the 15 minutes will allow for teachers to wrap up their day, have conversations with parents, etc. prior to starting collaborative time.

Q: Can the district provide sample bell schedules for elementary schools?

A: Below are some examples of elementary bell schedules:

	8:00 Start		9:00 Start	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
	M, T, W, F		M, T, W, F	
Start	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
End	2:00 PM	2:12 PM	3:00 PM	3:12 PM
<i>Inst. Min</i>	<i>360 min</i>	<i>372 min</i>	<i>360 min</i>	<i>372 min</i>
	Thursdays		Thursdays	
Start	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
End	2:00 PM	1:12 PM	3:00 PM	2:12 PM
<i>Inst. Min</i>	<i>360 min</i>	<i>312 min</i>	<i>360 min</i>	<i>312 min</i>
<i>Total per week</i>	<i>1,800 min</i>	<i>1,800 min</i>	<i>1,800min</i>	<i>1,800 min</i>

Q: How would a secondary bell schedule be adjusted?

A: On Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri., secondary schools will add two additional minutes to each instructional period of the day. On Thursdays, secondary schools will reduce each instructional period by ten minutes. Example:

	2015-16		2016-17			
Period	Every day		M, T, W & F		Thursdays	
1	8:20-9:15	55 min	8:20-9:17	57 min	8:20-9:07	47 min
2	9:22-10:22	60 min	9:24-10:26	62 min	9:14-10:06	52 min
3	10:29-11:24	55 min	10:33-11:30	57 min	10:13-11:00	47 min
4	11:31-12:26	55 min	11:37-12:34	57 min	11:07-11:54	47 min
Lunch	12:26-1:03	37 min	12:34-1:11	37 min	11:54-12:31	37 min
5	1:10-2:05	55 min	1:18-2:15	57 min	12:38-1:25	47 min
6	2:12-3:07	55 min	2:22-3:19	57 min	1:32-2:19	47 min

Q: What do schools do with AM/PM kindergarten or Early Kindergarten classes?

A: In order to maintain as much consistency for families as possible, schools with AM/PM kinder or EK classes will leave their AM schedule unchanged and make all adjustments with additional minutes (M, T, W & F) and early release time (Thursdays) to the PM class.

While this would mean a slightly different daily schedule among kindergarten/EK teachers on a campus, the amount of work time, instructional time and prep time will balance out over the course of each week.

	2015-16	2016-17	
	Every day	M, T, W & F	Thurs.
AM Start	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
AM End	11:20 AM	11:20 AM	11:20 AM
<i>Inst. Min.</i>	<i>200 min</i>	<i>200 min</i>	<i>200 min</i>
PM Start	10:40 AM	10:40 AM	10:40 AM
PM End	2:00 PM	2:12 PM	1:12 PM
<i>Inst. Min.</i>	<i>200 min</i>	<i>212 min</i>	<i>152 min</i>

Q: How does this impact Extended Kindergarten classes?

A: Because of specific Ed Code regulations regarding Extended Kindergarten, the Extended Kinder schedules must be handled a bit differently. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays, Extended Kinder classes will use the same schedule as last year. On Thursdays, Extended Kinder classes cannot exceed the number of instructional minutes in your school’s primary classes.

Because the length of Extended Kinder classes varies at different sites, not every school will be impacted. If you are unsure whether this impacts you Extended Kinder program, contact your Area Assistant Superintendent or the district Internal Auditor.

Q: How do elementary schools accommodate prep time on Thursdays?

A: Because the individual circumstances of each school is different, principals should work with their Area Assistant Superintendent to make necessary adjustments to Thursday schedules.

Q: What do schools do on shortened (minimum) days?

A: On all shortened days throughout the year (Parent/Teacher Conferences, Reports and Record Keeping Days, or Final Exams), the following additional minutes must be added to meet Ed Code requirements:

Primary grades: 0 minutes (same minutes as last year’s shortened days)

Intermediate grades: 8 minutes added to last year’s shortened day schedule

Middle School grades: 0 minutes (same minutes as last year’s shortened days)

High School grades: 6 minutes added to last year’s shortened day schedule

*If your school made corrections to shortened day schedules during last school year, please make sure any adjustments are made based on the *corrected* schedule.

There will not be collaborative time on Thursday minimum days.