



Middle and High School Schedules Frequently Asked Questions

In an effort to provide students with an increased opportunity for success, Clayton County Public Schools is changing the times that middle and high school students report to school beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Listed below are answers to some questions that have arisen through the process of changing all high schools to a 7 period day to be shared with all staff members.

1. Why was the recommendation made for high schools to have 7 classes daily for the 2015-2016 school year?

This recommendation was made so that all students can meet with their teachers daily and to ensure continuity of instruction in all subjects. Additionally, all CCPS high schools will have the same daily hours. Finally, this schedule will allow additional instructional time.

2. Will this change the start and end times for high schools?

Yes, in order to maximize instructional time and give students the opportunity to meet with all teachers daily, the high school will begin at 8:50 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

3. Does this mean the middle school schedule will be impacted?

Yes, the middle school start time will be impacted. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, middle schools will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 3:10 p.m.

4. Will this affect transportation?

Yes, Information about specific bus pick-up and drop-up times will be communicated by CCPS's Transportation Department.

5. Will elementary schools be affected?

No, elementary schools will not have a change to their daily start and end times.

6. How will this impact athletics?

Contact the Athletic Director at your child's school for specific practice and game times.

7. Will this impact the number of Carnegie units (credits) students are able to earn to graduate?

No, students will still be able to earn 7 Carnegie units yearly.

8. Are there other benefits to this change?

Yes, high school students will now have the opportunity for A.M. and P.M. extended learning. Middle and high schools will incorporate the Teachers as Advisors Program, a program to aid student achievement, into the schedule. High school students will gain an additional 20 minutes of instructional time daily.

Additionally, middle school students will have the opportunity for earlier extended learning opportunities and earlier practice times for after school activities.

9. What do I do if I need more information?

For more information, contact the school your child will be attending for the 2015-2016 school year.