

District Wide School Day Time Adjustment



SierraVista
Unified School District

Our Collective Commitments



Mission and Vision

We are empowered to offer this proposed schedule change as evidence of a student centered learning culture. In doing so, we will promote a high achieving culture and climate for our students. We are embracing this change in order to transform our current practice. Accountability is achieved as we are transparent throughout this process.

Moving forward, these changes will pave the way for greater student achievement.



How Did We Get Here?

- Over a decade ago, elementary schools offered specials (library, art, music, and physical education) for students during the school day
- Due to budget cuts, specials were removed from the elementary schedule, creating a shorter school day
- As specials (art, technology, library, physical education) have been added back to elementary schools, instructional time is impacted because the school day remains the same
- The current elementary school day does not have enough time within the school day for support of all subjects and interventions



Empowering Staff and Focusing on Student Achievement

- Improving core instruction is at the center of this initiative
- Creating more time for teachers teams to plan and learn how to use their curriculum resources
- Discussing and sharing samples of student work to determine strengths and needs



Proposed Student Day Adjustment

Current Regular Student Schedule

BHS	7:20 AM		2:45 PM	7:25
JCMS	9:00 AM		3:45 PM	6:45
ELEM	8:00 AM		2:15 PM	6:15

- BHS day is longer than elementary by 1 hour and 10 mins
- Elementary day is shorter than middle school by 30 minutes
- End times between each site varies causing bus scheduling issues

Proposed Regular Student Schedule

BHS	7:20 AM		2:15 PM	6:55
JCMS	9:00 AM		3:55 PM	6:55
ELEM	8:00 AM		2:55 PM	6:55

- Instructional minutes increase for elementary day allowing time for additional support
- All sites have equal student time
- Staggered end times will alleviate bus scheduling issues

Other schedules will not be impacted by any proposed changes



High School Student Schedule

Current Time Schedule

Proposed Time Schedule

Each class is 1 hour and 5 minutes

Each class would be 1 hour long

A Lunch 2022 -- 2023 School Year

Period	Begin		End	Time
0	6:15 AM		7:15 AM	1:00
1	7:20 AM		8:25 AM	1:05
2	8:30 AM		9:35 AM	1:05
3	9:40 AM		10:45 AM	1:05
LUNCH	10:45 AM		11:15 AM	0:30
4	11:20 AM		12:25 PM	1:05
5	12:30 PM		1:35 PM	1:05
6	1:40 PM	2:45 PM	1:05	

A Lunch 2023 -- 2024 School Year

	Begin		End	Time
0	6:15 AM		7:15 AM	1:00
1	7:20 AM		8:20 AM	1:00
2	8:25 AM		9:25 AM	1:00
3	9:30 AM		10:30 AM	1:00
Lunch	10:30 AM		11:00 AM	0:30
4	11:05 AM		12:05 PM	1:00
5	12:10 PM		1:10 PM	1:00
6	1:15 PM	2:15 PM	1:00	



Staff Change

Current Teacher Day Schedule

High School staff works 24 additional instructional days

Current Staff Day				
Period	Begin		End	Time
BHS	7:00 AM		3:05 PM	8:05
JCMS	8:40 AM		4:05 PM	7:25
ELEM	7:40 AM		2:35 PM	6:55

Proposed Teacher Day Schedule

Even balance for all three levels without losing significant instructional time

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Period	Begin		End	Time
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JCMS	8:40 AM		4:15 PM	7:35
ELEM	7:40 AM		3:15 PM	7:35



Instructional Time Requirements

	Required Minimum Hours per ARS 15-901	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Kinder	356	1,050	1,141
1-3	712	1,050	1,141
4-6	890	1,050	1,141
7-8	1,000	1,145	1,168
9-12	720	1,257	1,222

* These are estimates and will change from year to year based on school calendars



Area Elementary School Days & Durations

*indicates a 4 day week

School	School Day	Time
CAS*	Kinder-8a-2p	6:00:00
	1st-6th 8a-3p	7:00:00
Berean*	8a-3:30p	7:30:00
Leman	Kinder-1st 8:15a-2:50p	6:35:00
	2nd-3rd 8a-2:35p	6:35:00
	4th-5th 7:45a-2:20p	6:35:00
All Saints	8a-3pm	7:00:00
1st Baptist	8a-3pm	7:00:00
Palominas	8:15a-3:05p	6:50:00
Tombstone	WJM 7:50a-2:45	6:55:00
	HC 8:15a-3:30p	7:15:00



Area Elementary School Days & Durations

*indicates a 4 day week

Bisbee*	7:45a-3p	6:45:00
Ft. Huachuca	Kinder-2nd 8:05a-2:15p	6:10:00
	3rd-5th 7:55a-2:40p	6:45:00
	6th 7:55a-2:55p	7:00:00
Douglas	8a-2:30p	6:30:00
	Average	6:46:34
SVUSD Current	8a-2:15p	6:15:00
SVUSD Proposed	8a-2:55p	6:55:00



Area Middle School Days & Durations

*indicates a 4 day week

School	School Day	Duration
CAS*	8:00am-3:00pm	7:00
Berean*	7:50am- 4pm	8:10
Leman	7:45am- 3:05pm	7:20
All Saints	8:00am-3:00pm	7:00
1st Baptist	8:00am-3:00pm	7:00
Palmonias	8:15am- 3:05pm	6:55
Tombstone	7:50am-2:45pm (WJM) 8:15am -3:30pm (HC)	6:55 (WJM) 7:15 (HC)



Area Middle School Days & Durations

*indicates a 4 day week

Bisbee*	7:35am -3:30pm	7:55
Ft. Huachuca	7:55am- 2:55pm	7:00
Douglas	8am-3pm	7:00
Average	8:19am-3:33pm	7:14
SVUSD Current	9:00am-3:45pm	6:45
SVUSD Proposed	9:00am- 3:55pm	6:55



Area High School Days & Durations

School	School Day	Duration
CAS*	9:00am-3:30pm	6:30
Berean*	7:50am- 4pm	8:10
1st Baptist	8:00am-3:00pm	7:00
Tombstone	7:50am-2:55pm	7:00
Bisbee*	8:15am-3:54pm	7:36
Douglas	8:00am-2:45pm	6:45
Average	8:02am-3:13pm	7:11
SVUSD Current	7:20am-2:45pm	7:25
SVUSD Proposed	7:20am-2:15pm	6:55

* indicate a 4 day school week



What does Mascot Time for elementary students look like? How Do We Use It?

- Mascot Time is provided within the school day at each building for additional instruction, support, and remediation on essential standards
- Mascot Time is currently 30 minutes each day
- The proposal increases Mascot Time to 50 minutes each day
- Two days will be focused on ELA and two days focused on Math



What does Mascot Time for elementary students look like? How Do We Use It?

- This change gives students more time to work on standards they may not have mastered
- Students will also have more time to accelerate other essential standards
- This time will be structured and consistent among the grade levels for what students need
- Teachers will have available to them a districtwide computer based curriculum during Mascot Time.



Elementary Teacher Planning Time

Planning time will increase from 30 minutes to 50 minutes during regular scheduled school days.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday teacher planning will increase by 20 minutes for the elementary teachers to a total of 50 minutes. Wednesday planning periods will remain 30 minutes. Once a week a planning period will be used for collaboration and PLCs, the others are for personal planning. The Wednesday PD schedule will remain the same as it was this year, one district PD day, one site PD day and 2 collaboration/PLC days.

This will create a closer equality for planning time among the three levels, allowing teachers to work together as a professional learning team.



District-Wide Impact of Proposed Changes

- Increase in minutes of instructional interventions at the elementary sites
 - As a result, more time will be available to bridge learning gaps for our younger students, as well as, allowing time to enrich students proficient at grade level standards
- Increased time for specials (art, PE, library, and technology) at the elementary sites
- Increase of minutes for planning and at the elementary sites, which can enhance collaboration within the PLCs
 - As a result, teachers and instructional staff will have more time to review data at deeper depths, which can better ensure the appropriate instructional strategies can be utilized to meet the needs of the students



District-Wide Impact of Proposed Changes

- Adjustment in start and end times will help with bussing transitions between each of the school levels
 - As a result, bussing delays decrease, allowing students to get home in a timely manner
- Older high school siblings are dismissed prior to their elementary school age siblings and can be home to greet them when they arrive
- High school athletes will miss less instructional time when leaving for athletic events
 - More instructional time will ensure our athletes are on top of their studies, with less stress on the student learning on their own



District-Wide Impact of Proposed Changes

If schedules stay the same then Student Transportation of America (STA) has requested an increase of four routes to the daily number of routes to achieve on-time expectations.

Total Cost

- \$457.00 per day per route
- 4 routes \$330,000 impact

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each elementary site.

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including benefits.



Parent Questions & Comments

The following slides address comments and questions that parents submitted in the Google form provided.



Parent Comments & Questions

- Preschool- There will be no change to the Preschool schedule.
- School Breakfast times will not be adjusted, lunch times will be adjusted at each site as needed
- This proposal does not include changes to start times, early release Wednesdays or changes to the school calendar. The district will continue to seek viable, research-based alternatives regarding the school schedule.





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