

## HCPS Current and Proposed Bell Schedules

HCPS Current	Start	Release	Time in School (hrs)
High	7:33 AM	3:00 PM	7:27
	<i>minutes elapsed</i>	<i>0:27</i>	<i>0:45</i>
Elementary	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	6:15
	<i>minutes elapsed**</i>	<i>1:00</i>	<i>1:15</i>
Middle	9:00 AM	4:15 PM	7:15

HCPS Proposed	Start	Release	Time in School (hrs)
High	7:15 AM	2:10 PM	6:55
	<i>minutes elapsed</i>	<i>1:20</i>	<i>0:55</i>
Elementary	8:35 AM	3:05 PM	6:30
	<i>minutes elapsed</i>	<i>0:40</i>	<i>1:10</i>
Middle	9:15 AM	4:15 PM	7:00

## HCPS Time in School (minutes daily and hours annually)

Duration (min)	Current Daily Minutes	Proposed Daily Minutes	Daily Minutes gain/(loss)
High	447	415	(32)
Elementary	375	390	15
Middle	435	420	(15)

Total Hours in Year* (180 days/yr)	Current	Proposed	Annual Hours gain/(loss)
High	1,341	1,245	(96)
Elementary	1,125	1,170	45
Middle	1,305	1,260	(45)

<i>K-12 lifetime loss of instructional hours</i>	<i>(249)</i>
<i>K-12 lifetime loss of instructional minutes</i>	<i>(14,940)</i>

\* Net instructional hours required annually by grade are: K-3 >720 hours; 4-12 > 900 hours

<http://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleno.asp?id=6A-1.045111&Section=0>

\*\*Minutes elapsed for release time changes to calculate the time between middle and high, instead of middle and elementary because release order is different than start order.

The data for these tables was collected from Florida school district websites and from HCPS.

### High School Impacts:

High school will start 18 minutes earlier and will lose 32 minutes of instructional time. The day will end 50 minutes earlier.

### Elementary School Impacts:

Elementary school will start 35 minutes later and end 50 minutes later in the day, increasing duration by 15 minutes. Many young children are already exhausted by 2:15.

The increase in elementary school student hours will :

- 1) Provide 15 more minutes of planning time for teachers daily.
- 2) Likely additional art/music/PE staff will be hired. What happens if budget for these teachers is reduced or cut in the future? Will students have additional recess time or be pushed into more academic seat time?
- 3) Additionally many parents have expressed they will need morning care with the later start time.
- 4) Loss of time for afterschool activities.
- 5) The morning time (8:00-8:35) when young students are fresh and rested will not be used for instructional time.

### Middle School Impacts:

Middle school will start 15 minutes later and lose 15 minutes of instructional time, and that instructional time will be **longer than high school**.

### Duration of Classtime

There are different state requirements for K-3 than 5-12. This seems to be reflected by the duration of daily classtime in Miami- Dade that is graduated by age group:

K-1	5:30 hrs.
2-5	6:30 hrs.
6-8	6:40 hrs.
9-12	7:00 hrs.