



Littleton Public Schools

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# **School Start Time Guardrails and Considerations**

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## Determine Measurable Student Outcomes of School Start Time Change

Examine the impact through some comparison between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Collect baseline first period data.

- attendance
- tardy
- grades

Collect baseline data for 2017-2018.

- behavior / discipline
- critical incidents (suicide reports, threat assessments, etc.)

Collect student, staff, and parent perception data by adding questions to the climate survey or through another survey instrument.



# Establish New Fee Structure for Morning and Afternoon SACC Programs

## SACC program fees for 2018-2019

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Before/After School Child Care Registration Fee                    | 15.00 per child |
| Before School Child Care (opens at 6:30 am)                        | 8.00            |
| Wednesday Late Start–One Hour Only (am)                            | 5.00            |
| After School Child Care (until 6:00 pm)                            | 15.00           |
| Early Release* (end of school until 6:00 pm)                       | 15.00           |
| * There are 4 elementary early release days during the school year |                 |
| Non-student day (6:30 am – 6:00 pm)                                | 40.00           |

Field Elementary School has an outside provider for childcare

LPS SACC programs accept Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).  
CCAP helps eligible families with the cost of child care for children from birth to age 12.  
Information: <https://www.arapahoegov.com/420/Child-Care-Assistance>



## Run the Transportation Model to Determine Exact Middle School Start Time

- Due to conversion issues from previous routing software to current, the transportation model could not be completed in time for this presentation.
- Maintain the published, Board-approved start time of 8:54 am for middle schools and build routes accordingly over the spring/summer.



## Determine Changes to Bus Stops and Need for Efficiencies

- This work is ongoing.
- New bus stop locations and times will be published in Infinite Campus prior to the end of this school year.



## Determine Enrollment and Tracking Procedures for Bus Riders

- Although information for this year could not be captured due to software changes, helpful and adequate data will be obtained during the 2018–2019 school year.



# Provide Clear Expectations Around Morning Activities for Students and Staff

## Elementary Enrichment Activities

- Most activities will take place after school Monday through Thursday.
- Wednesday PLC Late Starts will have very limited extra-curricular activities and only at some schools. Elementary band/orchestra may need rehearsal time.

## Middle and High School Activities

- Staff meetings and activities will take place before school.
- Clubs and other student activities will continue before school relative to the new start times.



## Analyze Middle School and High School Coaching and Activity/Club Sponsors; Monitor Student Participation

- Maintain current athletic practice schedules relative to new start times at high school and middle school levels.
- Exceptions may be needed for shifting individual practices due to games, tournaments, meets, etc.
- Shift staff meetings and other adult events to mornings.
- Continue clubs and other student activities before school relative to the new start times.
- Middle school anticipates a 35% loss of coaches/sponsors for after-school activities and sports
- Due to the number of games played at the district stadium, a field at Littleton High School will be revitalized to accommodate JV games and practices.  
Estimated cost: \$82,000



## Explore “Homework Club” for Middle School Students

**Guiding principle is to honor the sleep research and support students’ additional sleep time while helping families problem solve for the later start time.**

- Maintain current before school activities at middle level relative to the later start time.
  - special meetings
  - clubs
  - events
- Students can enter middle schools early on inclement weather days.
- Monitor the need for additional “before school” supports for students.



**Work Toward Reducing the Number of Early Dismissals for Competitions  
Review Scheduling for Competitions with Sensitivity to New Start/End Times  
Provide Clear Expectations and Limitations on After School Practice Times**



- Maintain current practice schedules relative to the new start/end times.
- Exceptions may be needed for shifting individual practices due to games, tournaments, meets, etc.
- Most after school practices will be from 3:50 pm to 5:30 or 6:00 pm.
- Games at LPS stadium (with additional field space at LHS).
  - Fall — between 4:00 and 5:00 pm
  - Spring — 6:00 pm (potentially earlier for track meets and soccer)
- Keep early dismissals to a minimum.



## Develop Thorough and Extensive Communication and Education Plan

- Dr. Meltzer - Cyber Safety, Q&A
- Hanover Research
- Communication to parents and staff on website (resources, homework best practices, screen time regulation).
- Communicate details to parents beginning this spring and continue throughout summer/fall from district and school levels via email, website, social media, community mailers as appropriate.



# Questions?

