

A background image of a school hallway. A male teacher with glasses and a blue shirt is high-fiving a group of female students. The students are smiling and laughing. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Increasing Instructional Time

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Purpose of Increasing Instructional Time

- Provide more instructional time to meet the learning needs of our students.
- Align LPS instructional time in relation to neighboring districts.
- Establish greater flexibility for schools to respond to Proposition FF and assessment scheduling needs.
- Improve compliance with CDE instructional time requirements.

Current State of the LPS School Day (Instructional Hours)

Length of day	Elementary School 6:43/day*	Middle School 6:56/day	High School 7:01/day
LPS Current State	1043-1127	1066-1072	1071-1075
CDE Requirement	968 minimum	1056 minimum	1056 minimum
CDE Recommended	990	1080	1080

*Field Elementary (30 min) and Centennial Academy (20 min) have slightly longer days.

Revised Proposals to Increase Instructional Time

★ Increase one student contact day at all levels at current bell schedule.

▲ Increase **daily** minutes at all levels by 12-14 minutes.

Elementary: Add 12 total minutes to the school day with a range of 6-12 minutes to instructional time and 0-6 minutes to lunch.

Middle School: Add 9 minutes into instructional time and 5 minutes to lunch.

High School: Add 8 minutes into instructional time, 6 minutes to lunch.

(Lunch is non-instructional time)

❖ Increase one student contact day AND increase daily minutes at all levels.

2023-2024 Elementary Schedule: Proposed

	Length of school day	Number of student contact days	Net Gain instructional hours from 22-23
★ Add one student contact day	6 hours 43 minutes	171	6 hours (rounded)
▲ Add 6-12 instructional minutes	6 hours 55 minutes	170	16 hours (rounded)*
❖ Both options	6 hours 55 minutes	171	23 hours (rounded)*

*based on 6 additional instructional minutes

2023-2024 Middle School Schedule: Proposed

	Length of school day	Number of student contact days	Net Gain instructional hours from 22-23
★ Add one student contact day	6 hours 56 minutes	175	6 hours (rounded)
▲ Add 9 instructional minutes	7 hours 10 minutes	174	34 hours (rounded)
❖ Both options	7 hours 10 minutes	175	40 hours (rounded)

2023-2024 High School Schedule: Proposed

	Length of school day	Number of student contact days	Net Gain instructional hours from 22-23
★ Add one student contact day	7 hours 1 minute	175	6.5 hours (rounded)
▲ Add 8 instructional minutes	7 hours 15 minutes	174	24.5 hours (rounded)
❖ Both options	7 hours 15 minutes	175	31 hours (rounded)

Proposed Sample Bell Schedule if Additional Minutes are Added

	Start	End	Lunch Period	Length of day
▲ Elementary	7:50am	2:45pm	40-46 minutes (lunch/recess)	6 hours 55 minutes
▲ Middle School	8:20am	3:30pm	35 minutes	7 hours 10 minutes
▲ High School	8:20am	3:35pm	36 minutes	7 hours 15 minutes

Bell schedules for programs are still to be determined.

Overview of Each Proposal

	Cost	Benefits	Considerations
★ Add one student contact day	\$500,000 *Must be negotiated	Additional day of instruction	If negotiated, the day will be placed by the calendar committee.
▲ Increase daily minutes	\$60,000 For classified employees *Discretion of BOE	Additional instructional time compounded throughout the year Middle school schedule Continued alignment with sleep research	Impact of daylight savings Impact on athletics and activities
❖ Both options	\$560,000	See above	See above

Key Points of the Proposals

- Instructional time increases can be utilized for enhancing lessons, brain breaks, extensions, morning meetings, etc.
- Careful planning for final exams will occur with increased instructional time.
- An additional student contact day would need to be negotiated; the calendar committee will not place the day until after Negotiations is settled.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- Administration recommends adding instructional minutes to each school day and consideration for an additional student contact day through the negotiations process.
- Decision and communication by the end of April.
 - Building schedules
 - Family and staff schedules
 - Transportation schedules



Thank you!

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