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JPS Announces Revised Bell Schedule for 2018-2019



The Office of Accountability presented a revised bell schedule at the May 1, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The change is for the 2018–2019 school year and will only impact start and end times for the District's secondary schools. Elementary bell schedules will not change.

This change provides the District with options in scheduling makeup days in the event of emergency closures. The District will be able to waive two school days in either semester if the governor declares a state of emergency and the Board has the authority to do so in policy. If the governor does not declare a state of emergency, the District will not be forced to make up days. That is, as long as the closure does not exceed two days. The District's secondary schools will meet the state's requirement for one-half Carnegie unit at day 43 of the A/B schedule versus day 45. It will meet the state's requirement for one Carnegie unit at day 86 of the A/B schedule versus day 90.

Bell Schedules (Traditional vs. Revised)

The revised schedules for high schools and middle schools add six minutes of instructional time per block.

High Schools

Block	Begin Time (2017-18)	End Time (2017-18)	Instructional Minutes (2017-18)	Begin Time (2018-19)	End Time (2018-19)	Instructional Minutes (2018-19)
1st Block	8:25 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	94	8:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	100
2nd Block	10:05 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	94	10:25 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	100
3rd Block	11:50 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	94	12:10 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	100
4th Block	1:50 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	94	2:20 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	100

Middle School

Block	Begin Time (2017-18)	End Time (2017-18)	Instructional Minutes (2017-18)	Begin Time (2018-19)	End Time (2018-19)	Instructional Minutes (2018-19)
1st Block	8:05 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	94	8:00 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	100

2nd Block	9:42 a.m.	11:16 a.m.	94	9:45 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	100
3rd Block	11:19 a.m.	1:23 p.m.	94	11:30 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	100
4th Block	1:26 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	94	1:40 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	100

Required Instructional Time for Carnegie Units

Each one-half Carnegie unit course requires 70 hours of instructional time. It used to take 45 days per semester to meet this minimum. For every one-unit course 140 instructional hours per year is required. It would take 90 days on the traditional schedule to reach this minimum. The new schedule saves two days each semester.

Units Awarded	Traditional Bell Schedule	Revised Bell Scheduled
.5 Carnegie Units	45 days a semester	43 days a semester
70 Hours of Instruction	94 min. x 45 days = 4230 min. = 70.5 hours	100 min. x 43 days = 4300 min. = 71.67 hours
1 Carnegie Units	90 days a year	86 days a year
140 Hours of Instruction	94 min. x 90 days = 8460 min. = 141 hours	100 min. x 86 days = 8600 min. = 143 hours

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