

West Chester Area School District School Start Times

The WCASD is *considering* the impact of later middle & high school start times. Many school districts nationwide have implemented later secondary start times, with great success. Locally, many school districts near us are moving or have moved start times.



Major medical organizations like the American Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics have called for secondary schools to start no earlier than 8:30 a.m.



A task force comprised of students, staff, and parents is being developed with **four subcommittees:**

- ◆ **Staff impact**
- ◆ **Student impact**
- ◆ **Parent/community impact**
- ◆ **Transportation costs & traffic analysis**

Pros

- ◆ Increased sleep
- ◆ Improved student achievement
- ◆ Decreases in reported depression
- ◆ Fewer traffic accidents by teen drivers
- ◆ Less tardiness

Cons

- ◆ Increased busing costs
- ◆ The need to reschedule after-school activities
- ◆ Changes in day care arrangements encountered by staff and parents
- ◆ After-school student work schedules

For more information and to volunteer for a subcommittee, visit www.wcasd.net and click on the Community tab. Email questions or feedback to: starttimes@wcasd.net

Committee meeting schedule

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| May, 2019 Surveys to parents, students, & staff | Wednesday, November 20, 2019 @ 6:30 pm |
| Thursday, July 25, 2019 @ 3 pm | Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 3 pm | Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Final Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - Community update (6:30 p.m.) | February, 2020 WCASD Administration prepares Task Force Report |
| Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ 6:30 pm | Monday, March 9, 2020 final report and findings to Education Committee and School Board. Superintendent to make recommendation to School Board. |
| Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 6:30 pm | |
| Monday November 11, 2019 update to Board Education Committee @ 7 pm | |

School Board to vote on potential change in Spring, 2020.