



**2018-19 Katy ISD
Transportation Questions and
Answers**

Why was the Katy ISD transportation model changed for the 2018-19 school year?

Sustaining a safe and efficient transportation system, along with roadways and crosswalks that keep our students out of harm's way as traffic increases around schools with corresponding start times, poses great challenges in a rapid growth school district like Katy ISD. Likewise, as the District continues to grow, we also continue to face challenges with bus driver recruitment and retention, which impacts our ability to sustain transportation levels using our existing service model and bell schedules. These are challenges many fast growth school districts face across the region, state and country.

How did the administration and Board arrive at the decision to maintain the existing transportation eligibility criteria and transition to a four-bell schedule?

The District administered a Transportation Sustainability Survey to gather feedback from the community regarding options to address a safe and efficient transportation system. Survey invitations were emailed to parents, staff, and community members, while a public access link was also available on the Katy ISD webpage. The survey was open from January 17 to 31, 2018. The survey was completed by 20,243 individuals.

What are the start and end times that have been established for each grade level?

Grade Level	AM Start Time	PM Dismissal Time
High School	7:25	2:35
Elementary Group 1	8:00	3:20
Elementary Group 2	8:20	3:40
Junior High School	8:45	3:55

When will elementary parents be informed of the start and dismissal time for each campus in Elementary Group 1 and Elementary Group 2?

Information on the start and dismissal times for specific elementary schools were presented to the Board of Trustees at the Regular Meeting on April 23, 2018. The schedules are as follows:

Group 1 Start Time – 8:00 a.m.

Code	School	School Name	Group	Bell Time	Area
101	WE	WOLFE	1	8:00	NE
102	KE	KATY	1	8:00	NW
104	MPE	MEMORIAL PKWY	1	8:00	SE
106	BCE	BEAR CREEK	1	8:00	NE
107	CE	CIMARRON	1	8:00	SE
108	DWE	WINBORN	1	8:00	NE
109	NCE	NOTTINGHAM	1	8:00	SE
110	SE	SUNDOWN	1	8:00	NE
115	JHE	HAYES	1	8:00	SE
116	PME	MCROBERTS	1	8:00	NE
117	RAE	ALEXANDER	1	8:00	SE
118	JWE	WILLIAMS	1	8:00	SE
123	RRE	RYLANDER	1	8:00	SW
124	JEE	EXLEY	1	8:00	SE
125	RES	RHOADS	1	8:00	NE
126	FES	FRANZ	1	8:00	NE
127	MGE	GRIFFIN	1	8:00	SW
129	WCE	WOODCREEK	1	8:00	SW
132	SSE	STANLEY	1	8:00	SW
137	FPSE	SHAFER	1	8:00	SW
139	JRE	RANDOLPH	1	8:00	SW
143	ACE	CAMPBELL	1	8:00	SW

Group 2 Start Time – 8:20 a.m.

Code	School	School Name	Group	Bell Time	Area
103	WME	WEST MEMORIAL	2	8:20	SE
105	HE	HUTSELL	2	8:20	NW
111	MCE	MAYDE CREEK	2	8:20	NE
112	PE	PATTISON	2	8:20	SE
113	GE	GOLBOW	2	8:20	NE
114	FE	FIELDER	2	8:20	SE
119	SCE	CREECH	2	8:20	SE
120	RKE	KING	2	8:20	NW
121	SES	SCHMALZ	2	8:20	NE
122	OKE	KILPATRICK	2	8:20	SW
128	USE	STEPHENS	2	8:20	NE
130	MRE	MORTON RANCH	2	8:20	NE
131	BHE	HOLLAND	2	8:20	SW
133	TWE	WILSON	2	8:20	SW
134	RJWE	WOLMAN	2	8:20	SW
138	KDE	DAVIDSON	2	8:20	SW
140	MJE	JENKS	2	8:20	SW
141	CBE	BETHKE	2	8:20	NW
142	BES	BRYANT	2	8:20	SW

Will transportation eligibility change in 2018-19?

No. Transportation eligibility will not change for the 2018-19 school year. Elementary students residing outside of a ½-mile radius of their school and secondary students outside of a 1-mile radius, will remain eligible for transportation services.

Will junior high campuses allow for early drop off for students in the morning?

Yes. However, specific early drop-off times for junior high campuses have yet to be established.

Since junior high campuses will be starting school later in the day, will students be able to attend tutorials in the morning, rather than after school?

Each campus will determine a tutorial schedule based on student needs and student involvement in other activities. Campuses will create a schedule that allows for morning activities instead of afternoon activities, when possible.

Will junior high students who participate in private leagues and club teams be able to attend practices that may have start times that currently conflict with the updated 2018-19 dismissal time?

Many of the private leagues and club teams based in the Katy area use district facilities and will need to adjust practice times according to the updated dismissal schedule. It is also anticipated that private leagues and club teams that have their own facilities that serve Katy ISD students will modify their practice schedules to ensure that our students are able to attend on time.

Can a student's involvement in a non-district athletic club substitute for participation in his/her campus physical education course?

In some cases, yes. Policy EHAC indicates that “a district shall require students in grades 6–8 to participate in moderate or vigorous daily physical activity. A district may allow an exemption for a student on a middle or junior high school campus participating in a school-related activity or an activity sponsored by a private league or club only if that activity meets each of the following requirements: **1.** The activity is based on the grade appropriate movement, physical activity and health, and social development strands of the essential knowledge and skills for physical education specified in 19 Administrative Code Chapter 116; and **2.** The activity is organized and monitored by school personnel or by appropriately trained instructors who are part of a program that has been certified by the board.”

Will students miss instructional time at the junior high school level due to participation in athletic games?

Per UIL rules, a contest shall not begin during the school day. Our expectation of junior high athletic programs has always been to leave for scrimmages and games once the school day has ended. Our plan is to allow teams to dress, load buses and leave within 30 minutes after school ends. We are considering starting contests at 5:30 p.m.