



July 26, 2024

Dear Great Oaks Families,

We became aware through public notice that Bridgeport Public Schools made a significant schedule change that will impact Charter and Magnet school families within the district. By their decision to overlap Bridgeport Public Schools K-8 dismissal time with several Charter and Magnet schools, some Charter and Magnet schools have been forced to change their dismissal times. As a result of this change, Great Oaks Charter School, Bridgeport will be changing their operation times as follows:

Middle School - Monday through Friday - 7:30 am to 2:15 pm
(dismissal begins at 2:15 for walkers)
High School - Monday through Friday - 7:30 am to 2:36 pm

Important Information

- Students will still receive tutoring from AmeriCorps Fellows during the day; there has been no change to our tutoring model
- Students will still meet all state requirements for Seat Time at High School for Credit Accumulation
- Office Staff will be available until 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Significant Changes

Schedule

- Our traditional Tuesday half-day's (12:30 pm Middle School; 12:15 pm High School) will be replaced with a half-day twice per month leaving at 11:15 am; dates to be announced in a follow-up notification.

Start Time

- Homeroom for Middle School will still begin at 7:30 AM
- 1st Period for Middle School will begin at 7:45 AM; students arriving after 7:42 AM will be required to sign in late and receive a pass.
- Middle School doors for arrival will close at 7:42 AM.
- 1st Period for High School begins at 8:00 AM. Students arriving after 7:57 AM will be required to sign in late and receive a pass.
- High School doors for arrival will close at 7:57 AM.

Middle School Walker's with High School Companions (Family members, friends)

- Previously, High School students walking home with younger middle-school students would wait for them in the cafeteria for dismissal and then exit. For the 2024-2025 school year, middle-school students will be escorted to the Cafeteria with supervision, and wait for High School students who are walking home with them.



After-School Programs

- After-School programs will begin at 2:30 PM (Middle School) and 2:40 PM (High School) ending at 3:30 PM for clubs, and 4:30 PM for academics.
- After-School programs will run Monday through Thursday; but will not be held on half-days.
- High-School students in credit-recovery programs will be able to recover two (2) classes through after-school instead of one (1) per semester.

Early Pick-Up

- Middle School Parents or designated adults in the child's PowerSchool system picking up students prior to 2:15 pm must notify the front desk by 1:45 pm.
- High School Parents or designated adults in the child's PowerSchool system picking up students prior to 2:36 PM must notify the front desk by 2:00 pm.

We appreciate your understanding of these changes and will host a question and answer period to be scheduled at the beginning of August regarding changes to schedules. This date and time will be communicated through email.

We look forward to a great year!

John Scalice, CEO
Great Oaks Charter School, Bridgeport