

RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR BELL TIMES

TASK FORCE DECISION POINTS	EVALUATION FACTORS			
	Operational	Student Behavioral (health, academic)	Safety	Fiscal
EARLIEST PICKUP TIME & LATEST DROP OFF TIME Considerations & Inputs: 1. <i>Student safety/ level of darkness (maximize daylight hours for elementary students)</i> 2. <i>Consider the personal morning routine time needed prior to any bus pick-up</i> 3. <i>Keep student stamina in mind (full day with activities)</i>		✗	✗	✗
GRADE LEVEL MIXING ON BUSES (ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY) Considerations & Inputs: 1. <i>Consider trade off of factors in this area, concerns but also possible benefits</i>		✗		✗
OVERALL CHANGES/SHIFTS IN BELL TIMES (SCHOOL START AND END TIMES) Considerations & Inputs: 1. <i>Academic outcomes</i> 2. <i>Mental, physical, and behavioral health outcomes</i> 3. <i>Sleep science impact - maximum cognition times</i> 4. <i>Best practices, abiding by national health recommendations for children</i> 5. <i>Impact for childcare/sibling caregiving by secondary age students /family resources</i> 6. <i>Comparisons to others within the athletic conference/region</i> 7. <i>Equity Impact</i> 8. <i>Adherence to state/federal legislation</i>		✗	✗	✗

For more detail, please view the [Decision Points and Evaluation Factors for Bell Times document](#).

Current (Pre-COVID) Bell Times

School	Start Time	End Time	Early Release
4K AM Partner Sites	8:15 am	10:55 am	
4K AM District Sites	8:20 am	10:50 am	
4K PM Partner Sites	11:55 am	2:50 pm	Th 1:35 pm
4K PM District Sites	12:23 pm	3:18 pm	Th 2:03 pm
Elementary (5K-5)	8:20 am	3:18 pm	Th 2:03 pm
Middle Schools (6-7)	7:40 am	2:56 pm	
Upper Middle School (8-9)	7:47 am	3:05 pm	
Prairie Phoenix Academy (PPA)	8:00 am	2:25 pm	
High School (10-12)	8:00 am	3:22 pm	
Sacred Hearts	7:55 am	3:00 pm	Th 1:30 pm (1st Th of month only)
Peace Lutheran	8:00 am	3:00 pm	Th 1:45 pm

Consistency by Grade Band

- Currently all similar grade bands have the same bell times
- Administration recommends we keep this practice

Current Grade Levels Mixing on Buses

- Grades 4K-7 - Do not mix
 - Specific routes for elementary students in grades 4K-5
 - Specific routes for middle school students in grades 6-7
- Grades 8-12
 - Mixed bus routes that serve the upper middle school, PPA and the high school
- *Some private school students in the middle school grades ride elementary buses due to low numbers and necessary routing for operational efficiency*

Potential Impact on Co-Curricular Athletics and Activities

- Depending on bell schedules, will there be enough bus drivers for athletics?
- Some sports start competition in the afternoons

Current Earliest Arrival Windows

School Level	Earliest Arrival Window
Elementary	35 minutes
Middle School	15 minutes
Upper Middle School	17 minutes
High School	35 minutes

Current Earliest/Latest Pickup/Drop Off Times

School Level	Earliest Pickup	Latest Drop Off
Elementary	6:50 am	4:15 pm
Secondary	6:29 am	4:20 pm
**Considerations: Daylight/darkness, what is too early or too late, different times for different levels, district policy on max length of bus ride		

Current Hours and DPI Required Instructional Hours

Grade Band	Bell Times	Hours Per Day	Hours Per Year	DPI Required Hours	Extra Hours	Notes
Grades K-5	8:20 am-3:18 pm	6:58	1,068 Hours	1,050 Hours	+18 Hours	Weekly early release
Grades 6-8	7:40 am-2:56 pm	7:16	1,165 Hours	1,137 Hours	+28 Hours	No passing time before and after lunch
Grades 9-12	8:00 am-3:22 pm	7:22	1,183 Hours	1,137 Hours	+46 Hours	No passing time before and after lunch and no exam early release

***Small changes to the school day result in large changes over an entire year (i.e. a decrease of 5 minutes/day results in a swing of about 15 hours for the year)*

[Overview of Current Bell Times in SPASD and Related Information - March 3, 2021](#)

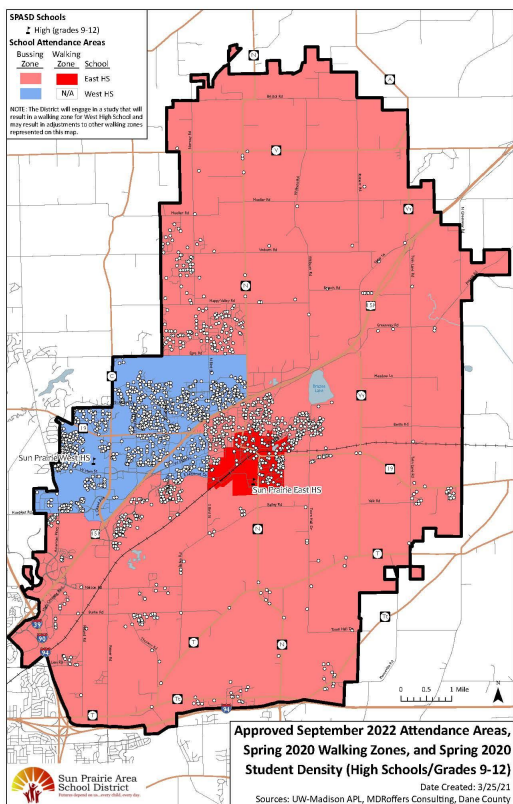
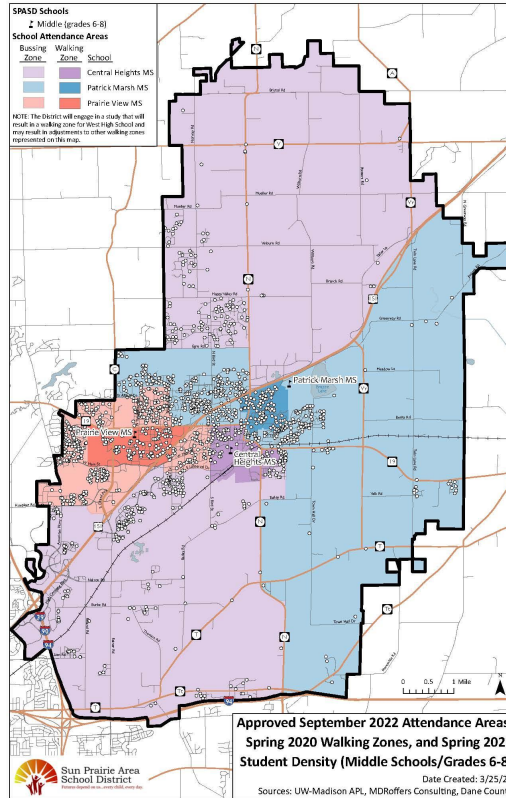
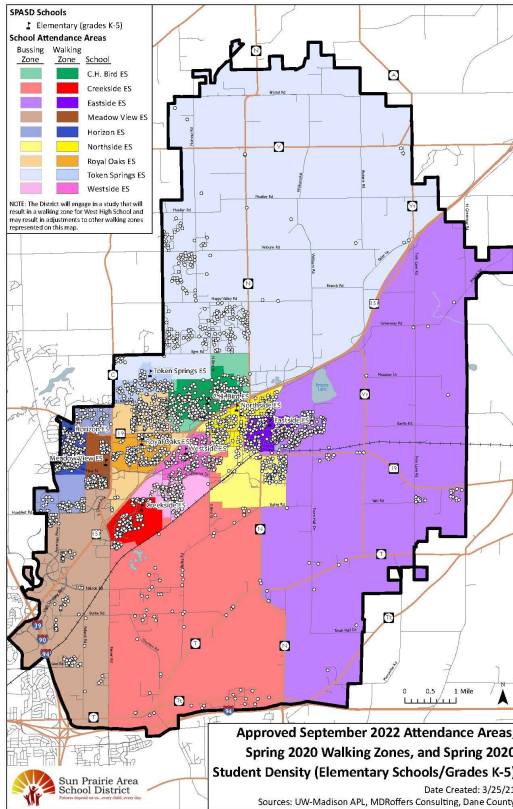
ELEMENTARY BELL TIME COMPARISON			
DISTRICT	BELL TIMES	BELL TIMES (cont.)	BELL TIMES (cont.)
Verona	7:35 am - 2:40 pm		
DeForest	7:40 am - 2:40 pm	7:50 am - 2:55 pm	
McFarland	7:45 am - 2:43 pm (K-2)	8:00 am - 2:55 pm (3-5)	
Monona Grove	7:45 am - 2:40 pm		
Oshkosh	7:45 am - 2:45 am		
Madison	7:50 am - 2:47 pm	8:40 am - 3:37 pm	
Middleton	7:50 am - 2:40 pm		
Sheboygan	8:00 am - 2:00 pm	8:20 am - 2:20 pm	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Janesville	8:15 am - 3:08 pm		
Sun Prairie	8:20 am - 3:18 pm		
Wauwatosa	8:20 am - 3:20 pm		
West Allis	8:25 am - 3:20 pm		
Wausau	8:30 am - 3:30 pm		

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL TIME COMPARISON		
DISTRICT	BELL TIMES	BELL TIMES (cont.)
Wausau	7:35 am - 2:55 pm	
Sun Prairie	7:40 am - 2:56 pm	
West Allis	7:45 am - 3:00 pm	
Monona Grove	8:00 am - 2:50 pm (Grade 5)	8:00 am - 3:20 pm (Grades 6-8)
Janesville	8:00 am - 3:23 pm	
Sheboygan	8:00 am - 3:20 pm	
Wauwatosa	8:10 am - 3:30 pm	
McFarland	8:10 am - 3:34 pm	
Middleton	8:17 am - 3:36 pm	
Oshkosh	8:19 am - 3:17 pm	
DeForest	8:20 am - 3:35 pm	
Verona	8:30 am - 3:38 pm	
Madison	8:38 am - 3:55 pm	

HIGH SCHOOL BELL TIME COMPARISON			
DISTRICT	BELL TIMES	BELL TIMES (cont.)	BELL TIMES (cont.)
Wausau	7:45 am - 3:00 pm		
Sheboygan	7:45 am - 3:09 pm	7:55 am - 3:10 pm	Zero Hour: 6:50 am & 7:00 am
West Allis	7:47 am - 3:00 pm		
Monona Grove	7:55 am - 3:15 pm		
McFarland	7:55 am - 3:15 pm		
Sun Prairie	8:00 am - 3:22 pm		
Wauwatosa	8:00 am - 3:10 pm	Zero Hour: 7:05 am	
Janesville	8:00 am - 3:28 pm		
Oshkosh	8:12 am - 3:33 pm	Zero Hour: 7:18 am	
Madison	8:15 am - 3:37 pm		
DeForest	8:20 am - 3:35 pm		
Middleton	8:25 am - 3:44 pm		
Verona	8:30 am - 3:37 pm		

[School Start Times for Area & Comparable School](#)

Walking Zone Maps



BIG 8 CONFERENCE (NON-FOOTBALL) START & END TIMES

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Beloit Memorial	9:10 am	3:30 pm
Janesville Craig	8:00 am	3:28 pm
Janesville Parker	8:00 am	3:28 pm
Madison East	8:15 am	3:39 pm
Madison LaFollette	8:15 am	3:37 pm
Madison Memorial	8:15 am	3:37 pm
Madison West	8:15 am	3:37 pm
Middleton	8:25 am	3:44 pm
Sun Prairie East	8:00 am	3:22 pm
Sun Prairie West	TBD	TBD
Verona	8:30 am	3:42 pm

FOOTBALL ONLY CONFERENCE START & END TIMES

School	Start Time	Dismissal Time
Beaver Dam	7:50 am	3:10 pm
Milton	7:35 am	2:55 pm
Oregon	8:35 am	3:50 pm
Sun Prairie East	8:00 am	3:22 pm
Sun Prairie West	TBD	TBD
Watertown	8:30 am	3:30 pm
Waunakee	8:15 am	3:35 pm