

Modesto City Schools
Frequently Asked Questions

2022-23 Bell Schedules Changes

The 2022-23 School Year Starts on Monday, August 8, 2022

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<https://bit.ly/SPANISH-BellSchedulesFAQs>

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Question	Answer
What has changed with high school start and end times?	<p>Due to Senate Bill 328, high school 1st period classes can not start earlier than 8:30 AM.</p> <p>High School Regular Day Bell Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Start time = 8:30 AM (1st period)● End time = 3:29 PM (7th period) <p>High School Min. Day / Early Release Bell Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Start time = 8:30 AM (1st period)● End time = 2:17 PM (7th period) <p>2022-23 MCS TK-12 Bell Schedule Start & End Times</p>
Have elementary school start and end times changed?	<p>Yes, elementary start times will change slightly for the 2022-23 school year. Start times were adjusted by between 8 minutes and 18 minutes, depending on the school site.</p> <p>Here's a link to the NEW 2022-23 elementary school start and end times:</p> <p>2022-23 MCS TK-12 Bell Schedule Start & End Times</p>
Have junior high start and end times changed?	<p>No. Our junior high start and end times will remain the same.</p> <p>Junior High Regular Day Bell Schedule:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start time = 9:00 AM (1st period) ● End time = 3:03 PM (7th period) <p>Junior High Min. Day / Early Release Bell Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start time = 8:30 AM (1st period) ● End time = 1:48 PM (7th period) <p><u>2022-23 MCS TK-12 Bell Schedule Start & End Times</u></p>
<p>What impact will these changes have on breakfasts and lunches?</p>	<p>None. All students will still have access to our breakfast program, as well as our lunch program.</p>
<p>Why is the high school day longer than last year?</p>	<p>MCS is committed to student learning and providing our students with the amount of instructional minutes that are required by the State of California. There are many complexities when creating school schedules, especially at the high school level. As part of the implementation of Senate Bill 328, a Committee made up of District staff and teacher representatives determined that other adjustments needed to be made to instructional minutes at the high school level in order to meet the State requirement. Therefore, moving forward, in order to be in alignment with Senate Bill 328 school start times and to ensure that every high school student receives the required amount of annual instructional minutes, we need to adjust the high school start time to 8:30am, as well as add time to each high school day to extend the 1st through 7th period classes.</p> <p>Also, it is important to note that the updated high school bell schedules for the new school year are in direct alignment with the start/end times of other school districts throughout the state, including many of our neighboring school districts that are located in non-rural areas (for example: Turlock, Ripon, Ceres).</p>
<p>Will high school bell schedule changes impact transportation (bus) schedules?</p>	<p>Yes, morning bus routes will drop off at high school sites at approximately the same time frame as previous years (7:15am-7:30am).</p> <p>One of the issues brought forward by our Equity Task Force participants was the barrier for students that</p>

	ride the bus to have access to “0” period classes. With the new 1st period start time, we want to do our best to provide bus riders with access to “0” periods courses, as well as before school supports and other educational activities, as most of these types of activities will be shifting to pre-8:30am.
Will high schools still offer “0” period classes?	Yes, “0” period classes will be offered. Additionally, we are working to add popular and engaging course offerings in this time slot as an option for students.
Will high schools still offer 8th period classes?	8th period classes may be offered depending on the site, staffing, and master schedule needs.
What supports and engagement opportunities are available to high school students prior to 8:30 AM?	There are a number of activities available to high school students before the start of 1st period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Free breakfast (Nutrition Services) ● 0 period classes ● Access to teachers ● Athletic teams may choose to practice before school ● Clubs may choose to meet before 8:30am
As a parent of a high school student that relies on my high school student to care for my TK-8 child after school, what am I supposed to do now that 9-12 students are getting out of school after TK-8?	<p>MCS TK-8 sites are expanding our After School Education and Safety (ASES) and Before School Care.</p> <p>ASES provides a safe, secure environment for students TK-8 during after school hours until 6:00 p.m.(6:03 Jr. High). Students have the opportunity to receive homework assistance, as well as participate in extended learning activities, such as art, music, fitness and wellness, science, and service learning.</p> <p><u>Enroll Here for After School Program(TK-8)</u></p> <p><u>Enroll Here for Before School Program(TK-6)</u></p> <p>Additionally, MCS offers the Rigorous Intervention for Student Excellence (RISE) program. The RISE program will be offered to all TK-8 students who need additional support with their grade level State academic standards (English and math). These students will receive instruction before or after school from a credentialed teacher for .75 to 1.25 hours for a</p>

