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## BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES LATER SCHOOL START TIMES

The Montgomery County Board of Education voted Tuesday (Feb. 10, 2015) to change school starting and ending times in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) for the 2015-2016 school year—moving middle and high school start times 20 minutes later and elementary school start times 10 minutes later. This change will not affect the order in which students go to school, but will lengthen the elementary school day by 10 minutes, making it 6 hours and 25 minutes. The additional 10 minutes will only be used for lunch or recess.

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Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the starting and ending times for MCPS will be:


Level	Time	Length of Day
High School	7:45 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	6 hours, 45 minutes
Middle School	8:15 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	6 hours, 45 minutes
Elementary School Tier 1	9:00 a.m.–3:25 p.m.	6 hours, 25 minutes
Elementary School Tier 2	9:25 a.m.–3:50 p.m.	6 hours, 25 minutes

[View chart](#) with start times for each school in MCPS, including special schools



Read below to see the options considered and timeline for this decision

## Learn more about the options

- [A summary of the bell times options before the Board of Education](#) (updated)  
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## Public Input on Bell Times Options

The Montgomery County Board of Education held two public hearings on bell times options and received over 1,000 emails. MCPS also worked with stakeholder groups and community partners to gather feedback on the options. A report on the feedback received was provided to the Board on February 6, 2015.

- READ: [Feedback on Bell Times Options](#) (February 6, 2015)

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