

Canton Public Schools to Implement New Start and End Times Next School Year

Changes to Take Effect at all Schools in Fall of 2020

CANTON -- Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller announces that all schools in the Canton Public Schools will have adjusted start and end times for the school day going into effect at the start of the new school year in September.

School Day Time Changes

The new start and end times for students will be as follows:

- **JFK Elementary:** 8:40 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
- **Hansen Elementary:** 8:40 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
- **Luce Elementary:** 9:10 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- **Galvin Middle School:** 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- **Canton High School:** 8 a.m. to 2:29 p.m.

The changes made to each school's start and end times will result in an increase in the number of hours students will spend in school throughout the year.

The school day at Galvin Middle School (GMS) will begin five minutes earlier and end five minutes later, resulting in an additional 10 minutes spent in school each day, and an additional 30 hours spent in school each year. The school day at Canton High School (CHS) will increase by five minutes, beginning at the same time but ending five minutes later, resulting in an additional 15 hours in school each year.

All three elementary schools will have the same length of day, but will begin and end five minutes later. The JFK, Hansen and Luce schools are on a two-year

rotation in which they trade off between an early start time and late start time. This rotation will continue to work the same way and both the early and late school start and end times will be five minutes later. Starting in September, Luce will be the late school.

Preschool students at the Rodman Early Childhood Program are not affected by these schedule changes.

"These changes are about improving students' experiences in school and are a result of feedback we've received over the years from parents, teachers and students. Although these changes are minor, we're confident they will have a positive impact on our students' learning throughout the year," Superintendent Fischer-Mueller said. "We are thankful for the working relationship we've had with the teachers union during this process, and we thank them for their collaboration and feedback as we worked to coordinate these changes."

Expanding the number of minutes at GMS and CHS will result in students spending more time in school each day, without making major changes to each school's schedule. Having additional hours in the school year will also allow more flexibility for administrators while creating students' schedules, and may result in additional time for students to eat lunch each day.

Along with the changes to the start and end of the school day, parent drop off times will be adjusted. Parent drop off for students at the elementary schools currently begins 20 minutes before school starts, and 15 minutes before school starts at GMS and CHS. These time periods will adjust to align with the new school start times. Parents will still only be permitted to drop off their students 20 minutes before the school day begins at the elementary schools, and 15 minutes before at the middle school and high school.

The same timing adjustments at the schools will apply to busing schedules. Bus routes and times will be released in August.

Beginning in September, the start and end times will be a permanent change to the district's schedule.

[View the a full chart of new start and end times, early dismissal times and delayed start times here.](#)

District Calendar Changes

The district will also undergo changes to its district-wide early release days. Regular early release days used for staff professional development/common planning times took place on Wednesdays; these early releases will now take place on Fridays.

Some non-regular early release days will remain on Wednesdays due to holiday breaks or parent-teacher conferences.

[View the 2020-21 district calendar here.](#)

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A message from the Canton Public Schools