

Onteora Middle & High School Later Start Time

Board of Education Resolution

“In order to support student health and wellness, in response to the recommendation from The American Academy of Pediatrics, move secondary school start times to no earlier than 8am by September 2020.”

Major Considerations

- Move secondary start time later by 20 minutes
- Maintain integrity of our academic program
- Ensure A.M./P.M./full day BOCES students have access to programs
- Maintain integrity of athletic programming in regards to scheduling/transportation
- Minimize impact to elementary scheduling
- Maintain after school programming at all levels

Major Considerations

- Create realistic transportation schedules
- Adhere to employee contractual agreements
- Comply with NYS attendance regulations: 180 days of instruction, 900 instructional hours at elementary, 990 instructional hours grades 7-12
- Additional Barriers
 - Middle School requires 9 periods to satisfy requirements
 - 19 cross-over teachers at the middle and high school level
 - BOCES start/end times and mandated certification hours
 - Daylight for athletic events
 - Section IX/MHAL scheduling

Proposed New Secondary Schedule

Period 1	8:00 AM	8:40 AM	0:40
Period 2	8:44 AM	9:24 AM	0:40
Period 3	9:28 AM	10:08 AM	0:40
Period 4	10:12 AM	10:52 AM	0:40
Period 5	10:56 AM	11:36 AM	0:40
Period 6	11:40 AM	12:20 PM	0:40
Period 7	12:24 PM	1:06 PM	0:42
Period 8	1:10 PM	1:56 PM	0:42 + 0:04 HR
Period 9	2:00 PM	2:42 PM	0:42

A.M. BOCES Students

- Career and Tech Students
 - A.M. BOCES begins at 8:25 A.M.
 - Limit enrollment in A.M. career and tech courses
 - 2019-20: Only 4 students absolutely require A.M. programming
 - Students attending would receive transportation via a special morning route
 - A.M. BOCES ends at 10:45 A.M.
 - Students would return right before 6th period

P.M. BOCES Students

- Career and Tech Students
 - 2019-20: Approximately 55 students
 - P.M. BOCES begins at 11:35 A.M.
 - Students would attend Onteora HS classes periods 1-4
 - Students may need to leave period 4 approximately 5 minutes early
 - Students may need to order bag lunches from the cafeteria in the morning
 - P.M. BOCES ends at 1:50 P.M.
 - Students would return to the Onteora HS at 2:25 P.M.
 - Students would be placed into a study hall

Special Education, Phoenix, TTP, and P-Tech Students

- 2019-20: Approximately 24 students
- Students attending will continue receiving receive transportation via a special route

Impact to Student-Athletes

- Athletic Director will work with Section IX to move start times to 4:45 P.M. where possible
 - Later fall season games will stay between 4:15 – 4:30 due to daylight issues
 - Sectional/Championship events are not included above
- The transportation schedule will be reviewed and arrival time at events will be shortened
 - Safety, sport specific warm-up time, etc.

Late Buses

- Late Bus #1
 - 4:35 P.M.
- Late Bus #2
 - 5:30 P.M.

Potential Elementary Schedule

- 9:00 A.M. : Student arrival
- 9:15 A.M. : Classes begin
- 3:55 P.M. : Bus Dismissal

Follow-Up Considerations

- Impact to IEPs
 - Program minutes
 - Related services
- Employee Work Day
 - OTA: 7 hours (starting time and ending time)
 - ONTEA
- Inclement Weather
 - Delay and early release schedules

Questions, Comments, Thoughts