



Connections



March 13, 2018

Community Safety Forums

In partnership with the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish, Lake Washington School District is hosting Community Safety Forums. Representatives from the cities and the district will share information on school and community safety efforts, and how the district and cities work together to keep schools and students safe.

Three forums, one in each city, are scheduled for the following dates:

- **Kirkland:** Lake Washington High School Theatre – Wednesday, March 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **Sammamish:** Eastlake High School Theatre – Tuesday, March 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- **Redmond:** Redmond High School Theatre – Monday, April 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

2018-19 Start and End Time Changes

Families received a message from their school's principal with [school-specific start and end times](#) for 2018-19 on March 9. We are continuing to add information to the [2018-19 Start and End Times website](#). Additionally, you can now submit questions through [Let's Talk](#). Let's Talk is a feature on our website that allows parents and community members to submit questions about specific topics.

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2018-19 Start and End Time Changes

School start and end times will be changing in the 2018-19 school year as a seven-period day is implemented for high school students. We acknowledge any change has an impact to families' current schedules. We want to ensure families have ample time to plan for the change.

This change does not take effect until the start of next school year. Families received a message from their school's principal with [School-Specific Start and End Times](#) for 2018-19 on Friday, March 9.

A School Start Time Advisory is continuing work in 2018-19 to study the impacts of potentially changing high school start times to later in future years. The Advisory includes staff and parents from elementary, middle and high school levels. They will make a recommendation for any potential further changes to school start and end times. Further changes in the 2019-2020 school year may or may not occur, depending on their recommendation. There will continue to be ample opportunity for families to provide input throughout the process. Any changes to the high school start and end times result in adjustments to middle and elementary start and end times due to transportation.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are start and end times changing?
2. Why is a seven-period day needed and how does it benefit students?
3. How is implementing a seven-period day connected to school start and end time adjustments?
4. If additional instructional time is added only to the high school day, why are elementary and middle school start and end times impacted?
5. Why aren't all schools in the same level have the same start and end times?
6. What does the bus transportation system have to do with school start and end times?
7. How does this impact Wednesday LEAP Times (1.5-hour early release for students)?
8. How is the district considering the impact of start and end times on the safety of students?
9. What about a later high school start time as is happening in neighbor districts? Is that under consideration?
10. Will there be further changes to school start and end times in future years?

HAVE QUESTIONS? LET'S TALK!
CLICK HERE TO ASK QUESTIONS

Additional Resources

- [2018-19 School Start and End Times](#)
- [School Start Time Advisory](#)
- [Seven-Period High School Day](#)
- [Curriculum and Content Readiness Tools](#)

Quick Links: [LWSD Website](#) | [Upcoming Events](#) | [Peachjar Community eFlyers](#)

