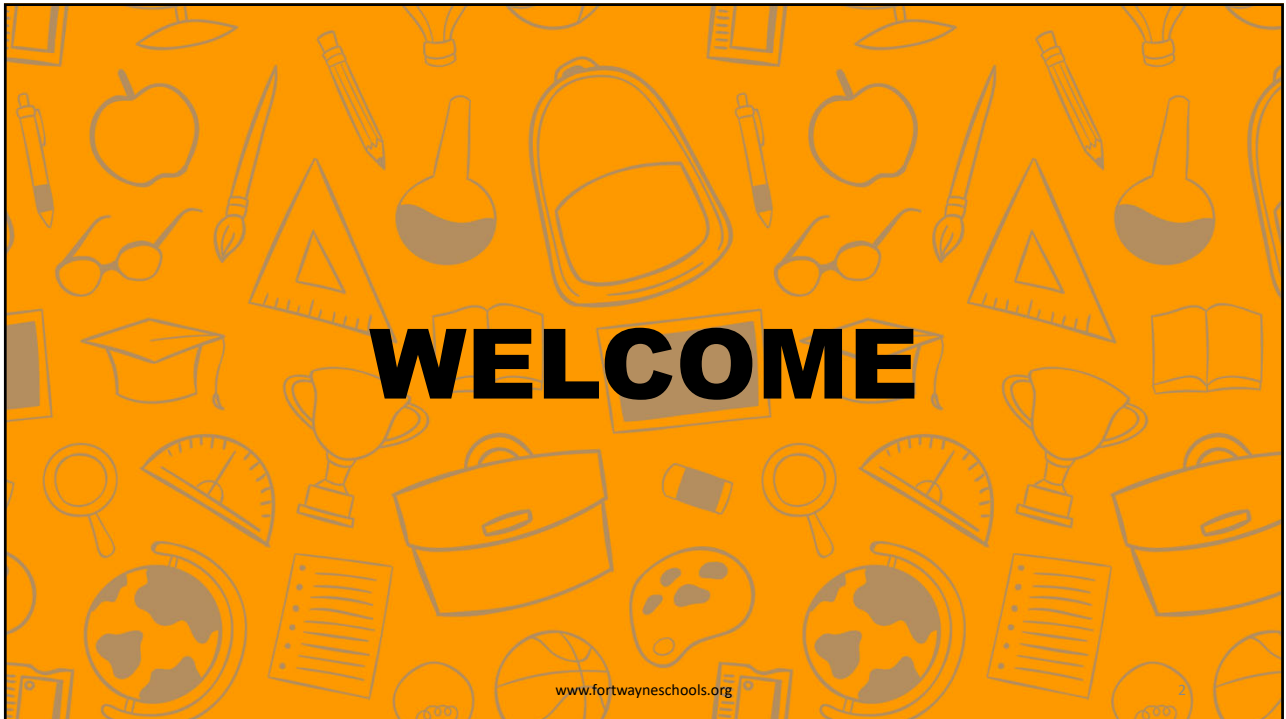


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GOALS:

- To restructure the school day to more closely align with internships and after school jobs with the district's vision and mission to ensure that students become successful and productive citizens.
- The restructuring of the school day will also allow the opportunity to develop and design a more efficient and robust transportation system to serve FWCS students.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Opportunity for high school students start and end the school day earlier.
- No lost instructional time for students at any grade level.
- Minimize elementary students walking to/from school in the dark.
- Transportation will be allowed 90 minutes between bus routes improving efficiencies.

WHEN:

- First day of school: Aug. 10, 2023

2015-16 Bell Times



2015-16 School Hours

Summary of Bell Times Established 2015-16

3 tiers

Middle School: 7:20 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Elementary School: 8:20 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

High School: 9:05 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

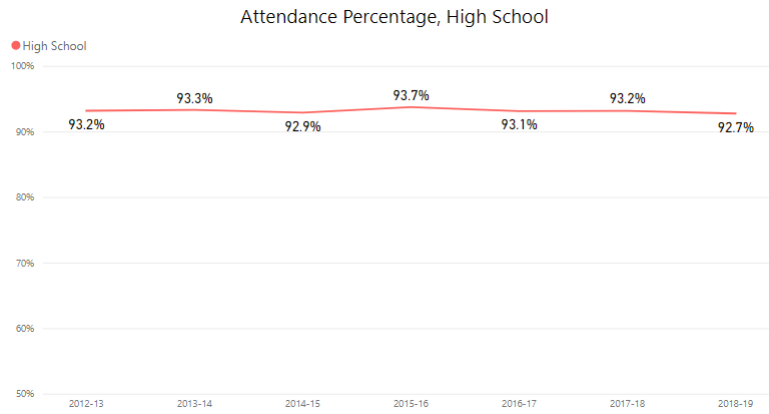
Bunche: 8:10 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Towles: 7:55 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DATA



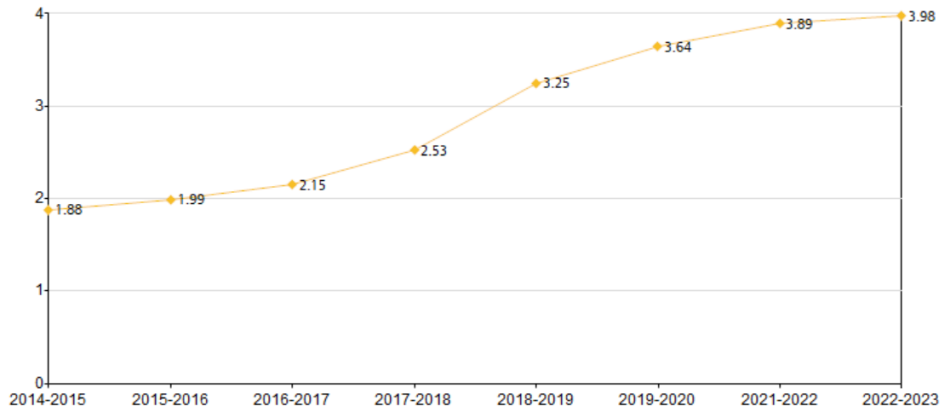
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TARDY DATA

First Period Tardies Per Student
Through October



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2023-24 SCHOOL HOURS OPTIONS

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2023-24 School Hours - Option 1

1 - TIER BELL STRUCTURE

ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS WOULD HAVE THE SAME START AND END TIME

EXAMPLE Start/End Times: 8 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

Possible Advantages:

- Simple - Every school starts & ends at the same time
- Potential Cost Reduction – Fewer transportation labor hours needed/reduced other costs (fuel)

Possible Disadvantages:

- Not enough bus drivers
- District stakeholders may have to modify schedules to accommodate new times
- Selected schools designated self-transport = no bus service at all
- Fewer students would qualify for bus transportation



2023-24 School Hours - Option 2

2 - TIER BELL STRUCTURE

Examples Start/End Times: High School 7:20 a.m.-2:15 p.m. or ~~8:20 a.m.-3:15 p.m.~~
 Middle School/Towles 7:20 a.m.-2:15 p.m. or ~~8:20 a.m.-3:15 p.m.~~
 Elementary/Bunche 8:50 a.m.-3:45 p.m. or ~~9:50 a.m.-4:45 p.m.~~

Possible Advantages:

- Sibling care is possible in the afternoon – Older students get home first
- Same number of bus drivers needed for MS/HS tier as elementary tier
- Greater opportunity for students to have after school employment
- Better alignment of co-curricular schedules with other districts
- Greater possibility of practice times
- Flexible transportation times between start and end of school day for special programs, Career Academy, Amp Lab and field trips

Possible Disadvantages:

- Sibling care only possible in the afternoon – Currently both AM and PM
- Difficult for coaches with traditional work schedules to have early practices/games
- District stakeholders may have to modify schedules to accommodate new times



2023-24 School Hours - Option 3

3 - TIER BELL STRUCTURE

Examples Start/End Times:	High School	7 a.m.-2 p.m. or 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
	Middle School/Towles	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
	Elementary/Bunche	10 a.m.-5 p.m. or 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Possible Advantages:

- Greater opportunity for students to have after school employment
- Sibling care possible AM and PM

Possible Disadvantages:

- 2-hour delay start time for elementary tier moves to afternoon
- No lights for middle school sporting events
- District stakeholders may have to modify schedules to accommodate new times
- Modifications needed in student breakfast, lunch and snack times
- Limited evening family time for elementary families





Student Feedback

Key Thoughts from Students

- Move school earlier** I play sports throughout the school year and so depending on the day I'll get home around 7-9 PM everyday. This doesn't leave me to do anything. 4.0 ★★★★★ (6 👤)
Ranked #1 of 28
- With starting school people who work can have time to work as well, and/or people have time to study more without it being as late.** Some people need the jobs and they have and with this they have time. More study time is needed to be successful academically. 3.9 ★★★★★ (10 👤)
Ranked #2 of 28
- Internship wise starting high school earlier would be very beneficial.... It would offer more varieties of internships** What's more beneficial than working a job/internship catered to what you think you want to do with your life? 3.9 ★★★★★ (9 👤)
Ranked #3 of 28





More Feedback?

1-Tier *Example:*
ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS WOULD HAVE THE SAME START AND END TIME
8 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

2-Tier *Examples:*
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3-Tier *Examples:*
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