



From the Cabinet

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Start and Dismissal Times for 2022-23 School Year

The start and dismissal times for all elementary buildings will be adjusted and the secondary buildings will remain the same for the fall of 2022. The amount of time between the elementary bus routes and secondary bus routes needs to be expanded to ensure that all students can arrive at school at appropriate times in a safe manner. This also assists Valley Bus to adjust routes when driver shortages occur. Currently, when there is a driver shortage, the available drivers may drive two different routes. This delays the secondary bus route and has resulted in many secondary students being dropped off later than the school start time. The length of the elementary school day does not change; elementary students will start and end their day seven minutes earlier than the 2021-22 school year.

FPS and Valley Bus will make the following adjustments to elementary start times and bus routes starting Thursday, August 25, 2022 (first day of school for the 2021-22 school year).

- Each of the affected elementary bus routes will be running 7-10 minutes earlier each day beginning Thursday, August 25, 2022.
 - Elementary students are allowed in the building 15 minutes before school starts each day. They will have the option to pick up breakfast and then report to their classroom.
- Secondary students should be at their bus stops at the times posted at the beginning of the year. The affected routes should no longer be late.

	Bus Arrival at School	2022-23 Student Start Time
Bennett	7:50	8:05-2:27
Centennial	7:50	8:05-2:27
Clara Barton	7:40	7:55-2:17
Eagles	7:50	8:05-2:27
Ed Clapp	7:50	8:05-2:27
Hawthorne	7:50	8:05-2:27
Horace Mann	8:10	8:25-2:47



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Jefferson	7:50	8:05-2:27
Kennedy	7:40	7:55-2:17
Lewis & Clark	7:50	8:05-2:27
Lincoln	7:50	8:05-2:27
Longfellow	8:00	8:15-2:37
Madison	8:10	8:25-2:47
McKinley	8:00	8:15-2:37
Roosevelt	8:00	8:15-2:37
Washington	8:10	8:25-2:47
Explorer Academy	8:10	8:25-2:47
ECSE	7:55 & 12:05	8:00-10:30 & 12:10-2:40
Ben Franklin		8:55-3:40
Carl Ben Eielson		8:45-3:30
Discovery		8:45-3:30
Dakota		8:55-2:35
North		8:05/8:50-3:50
South		7:50/ 8:35-3:35
Davies		8:05/8:50-3:50



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Parents can check their child's pick-up time using the "Bus Route by Address" option on the FPS website at <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/transportation>, beginning in August of 2022.

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Fargo Public Schools currently holds a service contract with Valley Bus for providing transportation service throughout the district.

FPS runs more than 50 bus routes during the traditional school year. This consists of 45+ regular routes and 35+ special needs routes. FPS also provides for 16 Extended School Year (ESY) routes for special needs students during the summer. Further, FPS provides transportation for extra-curricular activities, field trips, and shuttle service. Although not a hard rule, FPS uses an half mile walkout area as a general standard to determine eligibility of bussing.

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Although the 2021-22 school year has been challenging, the transportation department and staff at Valley Bus are responding to these challenges and working hard to keep students safe.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.

