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# Elementary School & Early Learning Center Start Time Changes for 2017-18

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## A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members:

In alignment with the Barrington 220 Board of Education's strategic goal to seek optimal time for learning, the district is adjusting start-and-end-times for all schools beginning in the fall of 2017. Changing school start times is the third and most complex component seeking optimal time for learning which was created by 330 community members during the 2008 - 2009 school year. Improving the school-year calendar and implementing kindergarten enrichment have previously been accomplished as part of this strategic goal.

This document details the start-and end-time changes approved by the Barrington 220 Board of Education that will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, many other adjustments have been made to related activities at each level.



We are confident that the adjustment in school start-and end-times will enhance the social emotional health and academic success of our students across all grade levels. Please contact your school principal for more detailed questions related to these changes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Harris  
Superintendent of Schools

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## WHY CHANGE START TIMES?

In the spring of 2015, The Barrington 220 Board of Education compiled a group of community members, parents and staff to form the Input 220 Advisory Group. The group was charged to study if Barrington 220 should and could optimize the defined time and configuration of an instructional day based on student and organizational needs, understanding the system-wide impact on grades pre-K through 12.

Utilizing information from Input 220's research and recommendations as well as input from the community, the Board of Education approved new start-and end-times district-wide for the 2017-18 school year.

### **2017-18 START TIMES**

**BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
8:30 a.m. to 3:22 p.m.

**BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOLS**  
9 a.m. to 3:48 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER**  
8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

# 2017-18 ELEMENTARY START TIMES

## **Regular Elementary**

8 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

## **Morning Kindergarten**

8 - 10:30 a.m.

## **Extended Kindergarten**

(Spanish Dual Language)

8 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

*Weds.:* 8 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

## **Early Learning Center**

8 - 10:30 a.m. session

12:05 - 2:40 p.m. session

*Weds.:* 12:05 - 2:10 p.m.

## **Wednesday Elementary**

8 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

## **Afternoon Kindergarten**

Regular: 12:05 - 2:40 p.m.

*Weds.:* 12:05 - 2:10 p.m.

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## PROPOSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Barrington area is rich with many opportunities for before-and after-school care. We work closely with all the public and private providers in the area. We also work with specific organizations to provide before-and after-school care at our buildings. If you are seeking a program that is located within our buildings, please contact the providers below.

### **Grove, Lines, Hough, Countryside, Roslyn Road, North Barrington**

Barrington Park District will provide a safe, recreational-based program for children whose parents or guardians cannot be home before or after school. If minimum enrollment requirements are met, The Kids Enrichment Experience Program (K.E.E.P) will be offered at six locations for the 2017-2018 school year. K.E.E.P. provides a stimulating environment in which children can learn, grow, and thrive at their own pace and strives to meet the individual needs of each child.

Please visit [barringtonparkdistrict.org/KEEPSchoolYear.aspx](http://barringtonparkdistrict.org/KEEPSchoolYear.aspx) for additional information and registration.

### **Barbara B. Rose**

The South Barrington Park District's early morning program is housed at the South Barrington Park District and is the perfect start to your child's school day. The program includes, quiet homework area, board games, open gym time, hot breakfast and transportation to Barbara B. Rose School through Barrington Transportation Company. The after school program will be held at Barbara Rose School. South Barrington Park District offers a safe and entertaining environment that includes quiet homework area, arts and crafts, thematic activities, recreational time on the playground and in the gym and a connection to activities offered at Rose School.

For more information and registration, contact Malinda Felde at 847-898-9957 or [mfelde@sbpd.net](mailto:mfelde@sbpd.net).

### **Sunny Hill**

After-school care for Sunny Hill students is offered by Boys and Girls Club of Dundee Township (BGCDT). This program operates Monday through Friday from 2:40 - 6:30 p.m., each day that school is in session. The program begins with a snack and follows with Power Hour for homework completion. There are also physical, social-emotional, and artistic activities.

Registration is available at the BGCDT Administration Office, 20 South Grove, Carpentersville 847-551-4309, or parents can pick up a BGCDT registration form at Sunny Hill.

Please contact Ms. Arely Gamez, Unit Director for the program, at 847-844-4269 or [agamez@bgcdt.org](mailto:agamez@bgcdt.org) for club information, or Amalia Woolf, Vice President of Program Services, at 847-551-4309 or [awoolf@bgcdt.org](mailto:awoolf@bgcdt.org) for organizational questions.

# CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRACURRICULAR PARAMETERS

Barrington's elementary schools offer a variety of activities throughout the school year. We encourage all students to enrich their school experience by participating in extracurricular activities. The aim of our co-curricular program is to provide school-related, age appropriate activities as an extension of the curricular program. We believe there are valuable lessons to be learned through fully supervised and well-organized competitive and non-competitive school activities. These activities extend classroom learning, help students build positive connections with peers, and form healthy relationships with adult role models who serve as sponsors and coaches.

While each elementary school provides similar activities, each building also provides extracurricular activities that are designed to meet the interests of their students. District-wide opportunities may include basketball, track, academic and PTO activities. We will continue to provide a wide-range of before-and after-school activities for our students, but will maintain the following parameters to meet the needs of our families:

- Morning activities will not start prior to 7:20 a.m., except sport practices, if needed.
- Running clubs may take place either before or after school. If the activity will take place before school, it will be limited to no more than twice per week.
- Basketball will have practice after school unless there is a conflict with the use of the gym. Morning practice will begin at 7 a.m., but will be limited to no more than once per week.
- Basketball games will begin at 3 and 4 p.m. Based on the earlier start to basketball games, coaches will talk to parents about transportation needs.
- For building use, in-district activities and school events will take precedence over activities sponsored by outside organizations.
- Afternoon activities will begin at 2:45 p.m. and most will end by 4 p.m.

All Barrington 220 elementary schools currently offer orchestra to 4th and 5th grade students, and offer band to 5th grade students. The practice schedule for the 2017-2018 school year has been adjusted to meet the change in start time, while meeting students' instructional needs.

- Small group lessons: Students will continue to meet during the school day each week.
- Building-based practices: 4th and 5th grade orchestra and 5th grade band students will attend two morning practices a month at their home school. These practices will start at 7:20 a.m.
- North/south hub practices: Once a month, students will have after school practices at a centralized location. Fifth grade orchestra students will be transported to the Early Learning Center and 5th grade band students will be transported to Station Middle School. Practices will be held on a Wednesday (early dismissal day) and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Parents will be responsible for picking students up at their practice location.
- Full district 4th and 5th grade practice: Up to three times a year, students will participate in an all-district practice. These practices will take place at Barrington High School during the instructional day. Students will be transported to and from the practice by bus. This will be considered an in-district field trip and will allow our younger musicians an opportunity to see our high school facilities and practice with our high school students.

# 2017-18 ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

8/23	Countryside K-2 Sunny Hill K-2
8/24	Countryside 3-5 Sunny Hill 3-5
8/28	Barbara B. Rose
8/29	North Barrington
8/30	Roslyn Road
9/12	Arnett C. Lines
9/07	Hough Street
9/13	Grove Avenue
9/20	Early Learning Center

## 2017-18 DISTRICT CALENDAR

8/17	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/18	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/21	First day of school for grades 1-12
8/23	First day of school for Kindergarten and ELC
9/04	District 220 closed - Labor Day
10/18	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
10/19	In-Service Day, no student attendance
10/20	In-Service Day, no student attendance
11/02	High School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
11/03	In-Service Day, no student attendance
11/22-24	District 220 closed - Thanksgiving Break
12/18-21	High School Final Exams
12/25-29	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/1-1/5	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/8	In-Service Day, no student attendance
1/15	District 220 closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/16	In-Service Day, no student attendance
2/19	District 220 closed - Presidents' Day
3/21	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
3/22	Elementary and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
3/23	In-Service Day, no student attendance
3/26-30	District 220 closed - Spring Break
5/23-25	High School Final Exams
5/28	District 220 closed - Memorial Day
5/29	High School Final Exams
5/30	Make-Up Day (if needed)
5/31	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/01	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/04	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/05	Make-Up Day (if needed)