
High School Operational Changes for 2017-18

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

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 the following 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.

THE SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

- The high school day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:22 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- On Wednesday, the school day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:13 p.m.
- Class periods will be 47 minutes in length on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Class periods will be 45 minutes in length on Wednesday.
- Student's lunch periods will be during 4th, 5th, or 6th period.

BEFORE-SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORTS

- Barrington High School will open at 7:30 a.m. each morning. During this time, students can access our cafeteria, utilize the Test Makeup Center, or study in the Library or Commons Grounds.
- Additionally, staff will be available for tutoring and students support beginning at 7:55 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Teachers will not be available prior to the start of the school day for tutoring and assistance on Wednesdays due to professional development activities.

AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORTS

- Following the school day, the Test Makeup Center and Library will be available to students until 4:15 p.m.
- The first activity buses will depart from high school at 4:45 p.m. These buses are shared with the middle schools, so the high school departure time is in alignment with the needs of the middle schools. The second activity buses will leave the high school at 6:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS

Students may have the option to take a class before or after the standard school day. Based on student interests, select courses may be available from 7:25-8:24 a.m. and 3:28-4:27 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Course availability will be based on student interest. These classes will count toward a student's required course load. The optional courses are 59 minutes long as opposed to the standard 47 minute class period. Due to the fact that these courses will only meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, these optional class periods are 12 minutes longer.

Students who choose to participate in the optional morning course offerings will be required to provide their own transportation to school. Students selecting the optional afternoon class will have the opportunity to ride the activity bus home.

For the 2017-18 school year, these course options will be limited. If there is interest in learning more about the optional course offerings, please contact your student's counselor.

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

High school is a busy time of a young adult's life and often means balancing course work and multiple activities outside of school. Barrington High School offers a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for the students. These experiences outside of the regular classroom further prepare students for higher education and the workforce by supporting the development of leadership skills and responsibility.

To provide these opportunities and meet the personal needs of the students, the following parameters have been established for school activities:

- Similar to current practice, activities and practices prior to the school day will be limited. Specifically, activities and practices prior to the school day will typically only be scheduled when necessitated by facility limitations or extenuating circumstances. For instance, practice space is at a premium as athletic seasons transition from fall to winter and from winter to spring. During these portions of the year, a few teams may need to practice prior to the school day.
- As is current practice, two hour and thirty minute practice windows will be maintained. Based on this standard, the majority of practices will be held from 3:45 until 6:15 p.m. In instances where spaces are shared, such as the basketball courts, a second tier of practices will run from 6:30 until 9 p.m.
- Students participating in co-curricular activities, such as theater and debate, can expect similar practice windows. Generally, co-curricular activities will begin at 3:45 p.m. and be completed by 6:15 p.m.
- Students participating in clubs and extra-curricular activities can expect meetings to be held from 3:45-4:30 p.m. or longer based on the activity.
- The first activity buses will depart from high school at 4:45 p.m. These buses are shared with the middle schools, so the high school departure time is in alignment with the needs of the middle schools. The second activity buses will leave the high school at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on extracurricular activities and athletic programs offered at the high school, please visit barrington220.org/bhsclubs and barrington220.org/athletics.

BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD	REGULAR	WEDNESDAY
Early Day Optional Course	7:25 - 8:24 a.m.	No Class
PERIOD 1	8:30 - 9:18 a.m.	8:30 - 9:23 a.m.
<i>Pledge and Announcements</i>	8:30 - 8:31 a.m.	8:30 - 8:38 a.m.
PERIOD 2	9:23 - 10:10 a.m.	9:28 - 10:13 a.m.
PERIOD 3	10:15 - 11:02 a.m.	10:18 - 11:03 a.m.
PERIOD 4	11:07 - 11:54 a.m.	11:08 - 11:53 a.m.
PERIOD 5	11:59 a.m. - 12:46 p.m.	11:58 a.m. - 12:43 p.m.
PERIOD 6	12:51 - 1:38 p.m.	12:48 - 1:33 p.m.
PERIOD 7	1:43 - 2:30 p.m.	1:38 - 2:23 p.m.
PERIOD 8	2:35 - 3:22 p.m.	2:28 - 3:13 p.m.
Late Day Optional Course	3:37 - 4:36 p.m.	No Class

*Warning bells are 1 minute prior to the beginning of each class period

2017-18 BELL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- If there is interest in learning more about the optional course offerings, please contact your student's counselor.
- Seven minutes has been added to the beginning of first period on Wednesdays to provide an opportunity to show student-created announcements and celebrate student achievements.
- Student lunches will be 4th through 6th periods.
- Barrington High School will dismiss 9 minutes early on Wednesdays. This is a departure from our past practice of dismissing 32 minutes early on Wednesday afternoons at BHS. Middle and elementary schools will maintain the approximate 30 minute early dismissal on Wednesdays.

2017-18 BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

8/16	Freshman Orientation
8/17	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/18	In-Service Day, no student attendance
8/21	First Day of Classes
9/04	District 220 closed - Labor Day
9/14	Back to School Night
10/6	End Marking Period One
10/7	Homecoming
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
11/17	End Marking Period Two
11/22-24	District 220 closed - Thanksgiving Break
12/18-21	High School Final Exams
12/25-29	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/01-05	District 220 closed - Winter Break
1/08	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
2/23	End Marking Period Three
3/23	In-Service Day, no student attendance
3/26-3/30	District 220 closed - Spring Break
4/13	End Marking Period Four
5/07-5/18	Advanced Placement Testing
5/23-5/29	High School Final Exams
5/28	District 220 closed - Memorial Day
5/30	Make-Up Day (if needed)
5/31	Make-Up Day (if needed)

6/01	Graduation
6/01	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/04	Make-Up Day (if needed)
6/05	Make-Up Day (if needed)