

New School Hours 2014-15 Family FAQ

The school day for elementary and middle school students will be lengthened and new start and end times for all EVSC schools have been established for the 2014-15 school year. The new school day will give most students additional instructional time and allow teachers expanded opportunities for collaboration.

Next fall, elementary schools will be in session 34 minutes longer, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. Students attending high school, middle school and K-8 schools will be in session, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

1. What are the new hours?

The elementary day will be 34 minutes longer. The school day will be changed slightly for high school, middle grades and current K-8 students.

School	Current School Day (varies slightly by site)	Future School Day
High/Middle Grades/K-8	7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Elementary	7:55 a.m.-2:16 p.m.	8:15 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

2. Why is the EVSC making the changes?

Lengthening the school day provides more time for quality instruction for your child. Right now, the EVSC’s elementary day is one of the shortest in the state, as well as in this area. Research shows adding instruction time and time for teachers to plan helps students succeed.

3. How will the extra time be used?

Every minute a student spends in the classroom engaged in learning is beneficial. Students in elementary, K-8, and the middle grades will be able to maximize classroom learning time and provide more tailored teaching and support to students. In addition, the extra time will allow teachers to meet regularly to share ideas, plan lessons, and track student learning -- all which help students succeed.

4. How early can I drop my student off at school? How will my student’s day change?

Each school will have the flexibility to adjust the school schedule based on student needs. Drop off schedules will be communicated to parents by each school.

5. How will breakfast, morning and afternoon daycare be affected?

Breakfast will still be served at EVSC schools. The EVSC will continue to offer its fee-based morning and afternoon Extended Day program. Parents interested in learning more about the Extended Day Centers at all EVSC elementary schools can call 435-8435 or visit www.evscschools.com/family-services.

6. How will extracurricular activities be affected?

Extracurricular activities will continue to be offered.

7. Will bus routes be affected?

Buses will still be provided for students. Elementary student buses may arrive later than currently and pick up time for students in middle, K-8 and high school will be altered slightly, as well. Generally, pick up locations will not change. Parents of students who do not currently ride a bus, but will need to ride next year should contact the EVSC Office of Transportation at 435-1BUS.