

Schedule Revision

What We're Hearing from Families About Shortening Our School Day

Pro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day is really long and would love to have her home before I go to work. She misses KC Urban Youth Academy after-school activities. Not a huge difference to change the end time. We don't have enough time as a family in the evening - too much to do between homework, dinner, shower, and everything else in so little time.
Con	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worried about possible impact for other parents and work times Student will miss being at school It means she'll be home alone for an hour each day. I would prefer she be at school in a structured activity.

Overview

Goal	<p>In response to student, family, and staff feedback, we will shorten our school day.</p> <p>Our goal is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maximize student and staff energy ensure students spend more time at home with their families
New End Time	<p>We will end at 3:32 PM Monday - Thursday.</p> <p>Friday's will still end at 1:46 PM.</p>
Rationale	<p>In our first year, we wanted to provide a longer day with embedded arts and athletics electives that would energize our students.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this has proven to be more draining on student and staff energy than we anticipated. <u>We want our students to have energy to be fully present and connected with their families.</u> We heard from many families that this was simply not happening.</p> <p><u>This change will enable students to get home earlier.</u> With long bus routes in our first year, our previous end time prevented adequate time for many students to be at home with their families.</p> <p>In addition, families have shared that they want students to experience the <u>rich learning opportunities available at our community partners</u> like KC Urban Youth Academy or Police Athletic League. Our previous end time prevented this.</p>

Impact of This Change	<p>We will reduce our length of day by cutting the end of day enrichment block, which is our time for Kansas City Young Audiences, Girls on the Run, and Global FC soccer.</p> <p>This change will not impact academics or social/emotional learning in any way.</p>
What's Next	<p>To ensure we keep of time for arts and athletics, we will lengthen recess and increase time spent on these activities within the structure of our shorter day.</p> <p>We are also working on a plan to build in more opportunities for joy and enrichment through field trips and in-school programming from community partners.</p> <p>We also hope to continue offering options like Girls on the Run after school, based on family/student interest. This would occur between 3:30-4:20. Unfortunately, we can not offer transportation home at this time because of cost or the long bus route lengths.</p> <p>We will also help to connect families in need of after-school programs with our rich network of after-school partners like Operation Breakthrough, Kansas City Urban Youth Academy, and Police Athletic League. More information is listed below.</p>

After-Care Options
<p>Kansas City Urban Youth Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - Thursday, 4PM - 6PM Baseball & softball while incorporating classroom enrichment and health & wellness. Scholar-athletes will have structured programming both on the field and in the classroom. Contact Tia Sandoval: tia.sandoval@royals.com 816-281-5508 <p>Operation Breakthrough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation Breakthrough provides a safe, loving and educational environment for children and empowers their families through advocacy, emergency aid and education. Only families with state child care subsidy eligible. Contact Janie Deegan: janied@operationbreakthrough.org 816-329-5275 <p>Boys and Girls Club - J&D Wagner Unit (2405 Elmwood)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 2:30PM - 7PM Full Day Program (aligned w/ KCPS schedule) 7AM - 6PM \$15 annual fee Contact Kentarsha Sorey: ksorey@helpkckids.org 816-241-5252 <p>Police Athletic League (PAL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun, interactive programs for youth, including softball, cheer, boxing, basketball, open gym, and a computer lab. No Cost Open until 8pm Sign up in person: Blue Valley Recreation Center, 1801 White Avenue KCMO 64126 Sign up online: https://www.kcpal.org/register-for-pal/ Contact: Officer Rashawnda Williams: rashawnda.williams@kcpd.org, 816-241-6816