

THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
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Chief Operating Officer

Student Transportation –  
Late School Openings/Early School Closings 2021-2022

To: All Staff

From: Scott W. Washington, Chief Operating Officer

Attached is a chart that identifies details associated with late school openings and early school closings related to inclement weather and other emergencies.

Please note the removal of the one-hour late opening option and pay close attention to the various arrangements for students assigned to half-day programs and the ARL.

Questions may be directed to Brian Nevin, Director, Student Transportation, 410.313.6726.

Attachment

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**Late School Openings/Early School Closings**

**If the decision is made after the preferred time, buses may be late to their first school.**

**DECISION TO OPEN SCHOOLS LATE**

Time Schools Will Open	Decision must be made by		AM/PM Schedule
	Preferred Time	No later than	
Close	4:45 AM	5:30 AM	All Schools Closed
2 hours late	4:45 AM	5:30 AM	AM half-day students - closed PM half-day students - on time AM ARL – closed PM ARL - on time (B day mid-day) Work Study/Enclave - closed

**DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOLS EARLY**

Time Schools Will Close	Decision must be made by		AM/PM Schedule
	Preferred Time	No later than	
1 1/2 hours early  <b>PREFERRED OPTION</b>	10:00 AM	10:15 AM Due to earliest half-day - 1st AM bus leaves at 10:40	AM half-day students go home on their regularly scheduled noon-day buses PM half-day students - closed AM ARL - on time PM ARL - closed Work Study/Enclave - closed
3 hours early*  <b>*Only for dire emergencies due to noon day conflicts</b>	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	AM half-day students go home on the same bus they came in on in the AM ( <b>there is no mid-day transportation</b> ) If students have a PM drop-off different from their AM pick-up, schools must notify bus drivers of these changes PM half-day students - closed AM ARL - on time PM ARL - closed Work Study/Enclave - closed