

BELL TIME SURVEY – March 2006

	Brevard	Charlotte	Citrus	Clay	Flagler	Hillsbgh	Jackson	Lake	Okee	Marion	Putnam	Suwannee	Hernando	Orange	Union	Pinellas	Bradford	Martin	Washington
# students transported	28,250	8401	10,4000	16,400	10,502	92,800	5,200	20,000	3,500		7,800	3,720	12,217	70,153	1,200	45,674	2,500	9,038	2,500
# magnet or choice	9			2	None	200	1	15	None			None	6	8	None	All	2	1	None
Earliest bell	8:00	7:45	7:30	7:20	7:05	7:25	7:50	7:15	7:10	7:45	7:30	8:00	7:25	7:20	7:45	7:05	7:25	7:30	7:30
Latest bell	9:15	9:10	9:20	9:30	9:05	9:15	8:00	9:15	8:45	9:30	9:15	8:10	9:15	9:30	8:00	10:30	7:55	8:55	8:00
Earliest Dismissal	2:30	1:45	2:20	1:40	1:50	2:15	2:40	2:16	1:50	2:05	1:45	2:40	2:09	2:00	2:25	1:15	1:30	2:00	2:05
Latest Dismissal	4:00	3:40	3:30	3:42	3:30	4:14	3:10	4:00	3:25	3:40	3:30	3:00	3:45	3:50	2:50	4:50	2:50	3:50	2:38
Identical shared times	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes		No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	
HS bell	8:30-3:15	8:25- 2:55	7:30-2:20	7:20-1:40	7:45-2:35	7:25-2:15			7:10-2:05	Range 9:10-3:05 9:30-3:35		8:00-3:00	Range 7:38-2:14 8:30-3:10	7:20-1:50 7:30-2:15	7:55- 2:50		7:50-2:50	7:30- 2:55	8:00-2:05 7:50-2:38
MS bell	9:15-4:00	9:10-3:40	7:55-2:20	9:30-3:42	7:05-1:50	9:00-4:00 9:15-4:15			8:45-3:25	Range 9:10-3:15 9:30-3:40		8:00-2:40	Range 7:35-2:10 7:45-2:20	9:30-3:50	7:55- 2:50		7:40-2:35	8:50- 3:55	7:40-2:15 7:50-2:18
ES bell	8:00-2:30	7:45-1:45	9:20-3:30	8:20-2:42	9:05-3:30	8:00-2:15			8:10-2:50	Range 7:45-2:05 9:15-3:10		8:00-2:40	Range 7:50-2:15 9:15-3:45		7:45- 2:25		In-Town 7:40-2:00 Outline 7:25-1:30	8:00- 2:05	7:45-2:30

COMMENTS

BREVARD: Elementary students need to go to school early, not late in the morning, therefore the first start time. High school students need more sleep, therefore a later start time. Middle school students receive the last start time due to no other option.

CHARLOTTE: Charlotte County has one school campus that houses the Teen Parent, Alternative High School program, and the Suspension & Expulsion program. These programs share the campus with the Vocational Center. These programs start at different times in order to accommodate the transportation of dual enrolled high school vocational students. Students are transported to this campus from all over the county using six buses, utilizing regular bus stops and house stops for the Teen Parents.

OKEECHOBEE: My opinion having been an administrator in both districts: Okeechobee schools have staff (aides) who are paid to work early or late and to allow us a bigger window for pickup and drop off without complaints. If the bus arrives early to accommodate routing or arrives late in the PM for take home, our principals and assistant principals do not generally voice concern about this. The expectations in St. Lucie schools and parents of EXACT accuracy given traffic, construction, shortage of drivers, etc. are very unrealistic and it is the school staff and parents who need educating about this.

PUTNAM: Bell times are varied but generally high schools and middle school start earliest; elementary later. This has always been justified due to athletics and students working after school. We have 20 schools.

SUWANNEE: One-third of buses go to each of the first three. Then meet at the high school compound where they board their correct bus. After transfer is made, the High School releases

WASHINGTON: Our buses serve all three school levels with one route so our bell times are staggered in the am & pm to allow for the buses to serve the schools involved. Being a small district, we have only two attendance zones with an elementary school, middle school and high school in each zone.

BRADFORD: Bell times are set for school programs and transportation accommodations.

PINELLAS: Our bell times are set by numerous factors. Some of those factors are efficiency, pairing of schools, physical location, traffic, programs, etc.