



McHenry High School to Eliminate Late Start Tuesdays for 2019-2020 School Year

McHenry High School has released its 2019-2020 school calendar. The new school calendar has eliminated “late start Tuesdays” in lieu of a more consistent pattern of early release dates. Late starts have primarily been the time teachers received professional development and collaborated in course teams to improve student achievement.

After a thorough review of schedule options for school improvement days, and taking into consideration parent feedback, MCHS will be shifting to a pattern of early release days starting next school year. The release times of **1:04pm for East Campus** and **1:14pm for West Campus** will be more beneficial to student learning and provide better advantages for transportation to and from school.

The school improvement days will be scheduled - for the most part - on Tuesdays to provide consistency, but will also include days such as SAT testing and Prom. The district will have 15 school improvement days (1:04pm/1:14pm release) and three half-day inservices that will replace the 36 late starts that previously existed on the calendar.

It is our hope that this change leads to a more consistent educational experience for students and is more accommodating in regards to district transportation and morning traffic patterns. The benefits of this new professional development model for students are listed below.

Advantages of an Early Release School Improvement Model for Student Learning

- **Every school day will start at the same time for students and teachers.**
- **District transportation will be more consistent with arrival times/school start times. Students will no longer arrive an hour and a half before first period.**
- **The amount of altered schedule days will be reduced from 41 to 18.**

- AIM will occur 5 days a week in a traditional week but not on school improvement days (1:04pm/1:14pm release). Students will have approximately 20 additional days with an AIM period to access academic support.
- Zero hour classes will now meet consistently - 5 days a week instead of 4. As a result, Zero hour will start later in the morning.
- Struggling students will now be able to stay after school and get tutoring, support, and access to areas such as the computer labs and the media center.
- Early dismissals will provide opportunities for students to have academic support options, tutoring, and weight training between the hours of 1:15pm and 3:00pm. Practices will be supervised by aides and offsite coaches while teachers are in meetings.
- Heavier Tuesday morning traffic issues will be eliminated.
- After school activity buses will run as normal for students staying late for academic support, activities and practices.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY BELL SCHEDULE

MCHS Schedules - School Improvement Days 2019-2020					
1:04pm/1:14pm Release Day - No AIM Period					
Student Dismissal 1:04pm			Student Dismissal 1:14pm		
MCHS East Campus			MCHS West Campus		
Period	Times	Minutes	Period	Times	Minutes
0	6:35-7:20	45	0	6:45-7:30	45
1	7:25-8:03	38	1	7:35-8:13	38
2	8:08-8:46	38	2	8:18-8:56	38
3	8:51-9:29	38	3	9:01-9:39	38
4	9:34-10:12	38	4	9:44-10:22	38
4a	9:34-9:51	17	4a	9:44-10:01	17
4b	9:55-10:12	17	4b	10:05-10:22	17
5	10:17-10:55	38	5	10:27-11:05	38
5a	10:17-10:34	17	5a	10:27-10:44	17
5b	10:38-10:55	17	5b	10:48-11:05	17
6	11:00-11:38	38	6	11:10-11:48	38
6a	11:00-11:17	17	6a	11:10-11:27	17
6b	11:21-11:38	17	6b	11:31-11:48	17
7	11:43-12:21	38	7	11:53-12:31	38
8	12:26-1:04	38	8	12:36-1:14	38
PD Time	1:25-3:00	95	PD Time	1:25-3:00	95

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

McHenry High School District 156 – 2019/2020 Draft SI-6					
* School Begins for Students August 14, 2019 * - School Closes May 19, 2020 - If 5 Built-in Emergency Days Not Used otherwise					
- School Closes May 28, 2020 - If 5 Built-in Emergency Days Used					
Pupil Attendance Days	178	MINI - Parent Mini Schedule	H - Homecoming Week (Homecoming Oct. 7)		
TI- Teacher Institute	4	= - Not in Attendance	BIE - Build-in Emergency Days		
(Student Non-Attendance)		S - School Improvement/Testing 1:04/1:14 Release	V - Half Day Inservice-10:30/10:40 Release		
		W - Holiday Waiver Used-Student Attendance Day	ER - Early Release-12:30/12:40 Release		
		X - Legal State School Holidays	G - Graduation- 6/19/2020		
Total	180		DL - Digital Learning Days- Student - Non Attendance		

August 2019

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
			1	2	0
5	6	7	8	9	0
12	13	14	15	16	3
19	20	21	22	23	5
26	27	28	29	30	4
					Tot 12

September 2019

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
2	3	4	5	6	4
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	5
23	24	25	26	27	5
30					1
					Tot 20

October 2019

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
	1	2	3	4	4
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	4
21	22	23	24	25	5
28	29	30	31		4
					Tot 22

November 2019

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
				1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	5
18	19	20	21	22	5
25	26	27	28	29	2
					Tot 18

December 2019

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19 ER Finals	20 ER Finals	5
23	24	25	26	27	0
30	31				0
					Tot 15/86

State Holiday Calendar Legend

Labor Day	Mon.	09/02/19
Columbus Day	Mon.	10/14/19
Non-Attendance Day	Wed.	11/27/19
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs.	11/28/19
Non-Attendance Day	Fri.	11/29/19
Christmas Day	Wed.	12/25/19
New Year's Day	Wed.	01/01/20
M.L. King's Birthday	Mon.	01/20/20
President's Day	Mon.	02/17/20
Constitution Day	Mon.	09/02/20 *
Non-Attendance Day	Fri.	04/18/20
Memorial Day	Mon.	05/25/20
Non-Attendance Day (12 month Employees) TBD* (Waiver Used for Monday, March 2, 2020)		

January 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
		1	2	3	0
6	7	8	9	10	5
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	4
27	28	29	30	31	5
					Tot 19

February 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
					0
3	4	5	6	7	5
10	11	12	13	14	5
17	18	19	20	21	4
24	25	26	27	28	5
					Tot 19

March 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	5
23	24	25	26	27	0
30	31				2
					Tot 17

April 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
		1	2	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	4
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	5
27	28	29	30		4
					Tot 21

May 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
				1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	5
18 ER Finals	19 ER Finals	20 TI	21 BIE	22 BIE	2
25	26	27	28	29	0
					Tot 13/90

June 2020

M	T	W	Th	F	Tot
1	2	3	4	5	0
8	9	10	11	12	0
15	16	17	18	19	0
22	23	24	25	26	0
29	30				0
					Tot 0

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