

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Brandywine Elementary School Families,

The Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Transportation is committed to improving on-time performance and service reliability. Based on transportation data from the 2024–2025 school year, it is recommended that a 15-minute adjustment to Brandywine Elementary School's start and dismissal times begin in the 2025–2026 school year.

What's Changing?

SCHOOL HOURS	FROM	TO
Start Time	7:30 AM	7:45 AM
Dismissal Time	1:45 PM	1:55 PM
<i>Staff contractual hours will remain unchanged.</i>		

Why is this change necessary?

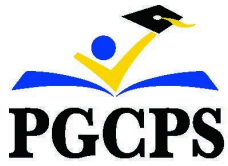
Last year, our buses faced consistent challenges arriving on time due to:

- Shared bus routes with Gwynn Park Middle and High School created timing conflicts.
- Significant population growth and increased morning traffic congestion in the Brandywine area.
- Ongoing driver shortages and trip consolidation efforts, which lengthened route times.

This shift will create a buffer for bus drivers to complete earlier runs, reduce late arrivals, and ensure a smoother start to the day for students.

Next Steps

The Transportation Department will work closely with school leadership and staff to ensure a smooth transition. Families will receive updated transportation information over the summer to help prepare for the new schedule.



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If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the Transportation Department at 301-817-0535. Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership as we work to improve services for the Brandywine community.

Sincerely,

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