

Good Morning Mustangs! This is Toby Crosby, the superintendent of the Midland School District. I hope you are having a great and restful weekend and I know you all are looking forward to a little sunshine. I am coming to you today to explain how we are going to make-up instructional class time for the (5) inclement weather days that we have missed so far.

With the LEARNS Act, each public school district that is receiving funding to meet the minimum salary increase, is required to provide in-person instruction a minimum of either:

- (1) One hundred seventy-eight (178) days; or
- (2) One thousand sixty-eight (1,068) hours (Alternate Calendar).

The Arkansas Department of Education is currently allowing school districts to file for a waiver to change our schedules to meet those requirements due to the missed days that we had because of inclement weather.

I am attaching a written copy of this letter to Facebook as well as a link to the Commissioner's Memo: **COM-24-066**
<https://adecm.ade.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=5567>

In this link you will find the guidance that each school district has been given to alter our calendars and meet the needs of our district, while meeting the requirements of instructional time that was mentioned above. Our PPC (Personnel Policy Committee) voted and approved an alternate calendar for the remainder of the year, and presented it to the Midland School District Board of Directors last night in a special board meeting. In the board meeting, the school board voted 6-0 to approve the change in our daily schedule.

This change will take effect immediately starting Monday. Both campuses will start each day at 7:55AM. We are adding 5 minutes to each day and we are adjusting our transition periods at the high school from 4 minutes to 3 minutes. This minor change in the daily schedule will allow us to meet the requirements of the 1,068 hours of instructional time that each school district must provide without adding the 5 make-up days to the end of the school year.

With this change, we understand that there will be a few problems including but not limited to tardies. Next week we will have a grace period for students while moving from class to class. This week will give them time to adjust and figure out how to best move between classes without being late. Parents please make the adjustment to students starting class at 7:55AM.

Both campuses will begin their days at 7:55AM and will both end at the same time as they do currently. The elementary school ends at 3:00PM and the High School ends at 3:10PM.

I want to thank you for making this transition a successful one.

Toby Crosby
Midland School District Superintendent

New High School Bell Schedule

1st Period	7:55 – 8:44
2nd Period	8:47 – 9:04
3rd Period	9:07 – 9:52
4th Period	9:55 – 10:40
5th Period	10:43 – 11:28
Lunch A (7th-9th grade)	11:28 – 11:58
6th Period A	12:01 – 12:46
6th Period B	11:31 – 12:16
Lunch B (10th-12th grade)	12:16 – 12:46
7th Period	12:49 – 1:34
8th Period	1:37 – 2:22
9th Period	2:25 – 3:10

