



MVCSC Bell Schedule: 2025-2026

This presentation outlines the collaborative process and rationale behind the new bell schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. We've considered feedback from Building Administrators, Athletic Directors, and SROs, to ensure a schedule that works for everyone.



Collaborative Process

Committee Formation

A dedicated committee, representing various stakeholders, was formed to explore and recommend a new bell schedule.

Meeting Dates

- November 25, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- January 23, 2025



Members of the Committee

- Brooke Tharp
- Charles Hutchins
- Stan Wilkison
- Brandon Ecker
- Julie Shelton
- Dr. Katz
- Jeff Brandes
- Nick Clarkson
- Brady Days
- Ashley Gustin
- Donnie Turner
- Garrie Woods
- Vince Edwards
- Andrea Gale
- Stephanie Miller
- Brady Edwards
- Mark Lyons
- Diane Graffitti
- Chris Smedley
- Jack Parker
- Derek Shelton
- Dave Merica
- Julie Vandergrift
- Bob Martin



Guiding Principles

1 Consistent School Day Length

The length of the school day for students should remain the same, ensuring consistency for both students and teachers.

2 Additional Time to Transport Students

Extra time has been allocated to accommodate the assimilation of 5th graders into the Tier 2 routes, ensuring a smoother transition for these students.

3 Maintaining Current Release Time

The existing high school and middle school release time will be maintained allowing for flexibility for students who work, participate in extracurricular activities, or need time for transportation to events.

Schedule Options Explored

Three-Tier Schedule

- Tier 1: Elementary
- Tier 2: High School
- Tier 3: Intermediate and Middle School

Flip-Flopping Schedule

Grades 5-12 would go before
the elementary students.

Two-Tier Schedule

Options for 5th-grade transportation and the delivery order of high school, intermediate, and middle school students were explored.



Recommendation: Two-Tier Bell Schedule



5th Grade with Elementary

5th graders will be transported with elementary students.



Administrator Approval

All Building Administrators, Athletic Directors, and the Director of Operations have approved this recommendation.



High School/Intermediate First

High school and intermediate school students will be delivered before middle school students.





Safety for all children is our goal.

1 “Does any other school district have 5th/6th graders riding with high school students.”

Yes. In fact, previously, Mt. Vernon operated an intermediate school and 5th/6th graders rode the bus with high school and middle school students. There were not any problem.

2 “Not sure about 5th/6th graders riding with high school students.”

In my experience, there is very little interaction between intermediate and high school students.

3 “Will my 5th/6th grader be sitting with high schoolers?”

Students will be assigned areas on the bus. Specifically, intermediate students will be in the front, middle school students in middle of the bus, and high school students assigned to the back of the bus.

2025-2026 Bell Schedule Recommendation - Start and End Times: Regular School Day (MTRF)

SCHOOL	Start of School Day	End of School Day	Length of School Day	Teacher Work Day
FES/MES/MCE	7:35 AM	2:05 PM	6h 30m	7:15 AM - 2:45 PM
MVIS	8:35 AM	3:30 PM	6h 55m	8:15 AM - 3:45 PM
MVMS	8:45 AM	3:45 PM	7h 00m	8:25 AM - 3:55 PM
MVHS	8:35 AM	3:30 PM	6h 55m	8:15 AM - 3:45 PM

2025-2026 Bell Schedule Recommendation - Start and End Times: Early Release Wednesday

SCHOOL	Start of School Day	End of School Day	Length of School Day	Teacher Work Day
FES/MES/MCE	7:35 AM	1:20 PM	5h 45m	7:15 AM - 2:45 PM
MVIS	8:35 AM	2:45 PM	6h 10m	8:15 AM - 3:45 PM
MVMS	8:45 AM	3:00 PM	6h 15m	8:25 AM - 3:55 PM
MVHS	8:35 AM	2:45 PM	6h 10m	8:15 AM - 3:45 PM



Key Takeaways

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Collaboration

The new bell schedule was a result of comprehensive collaboration between various stakeholders.

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Student Well-Being

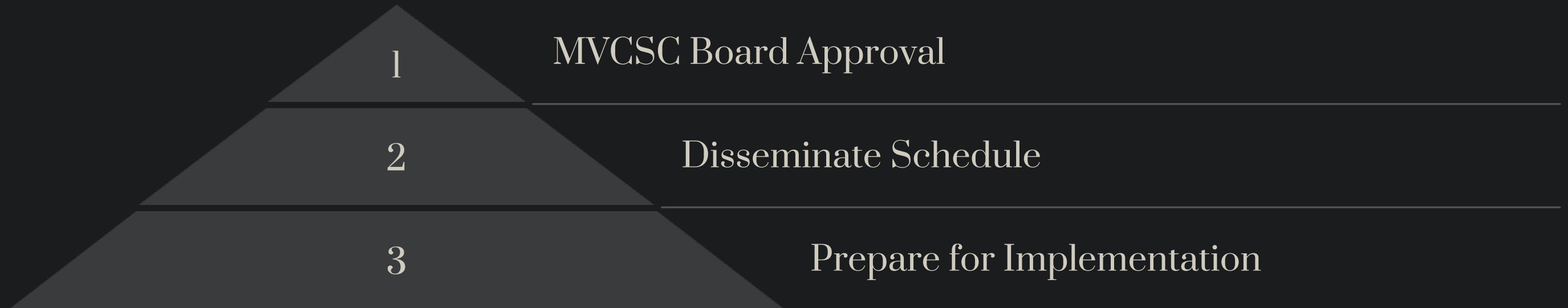
The schedule prioritizes student well-being and smooth transitions.

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Flexibility

The schedule offers flexibility for students, staff, and transportation needs.

Next Steps



The new bell schedule will be disseminated to all stakeholders. We will proactively communicate with parents and prepare our schools for a smooth implementation.