

Transportation Advisory Committee
November 24, 2008
Small Group Task/Homework Assignment

Option 1: Early Start K-4, 5-6; late start 7-9, 10-12 (32)

Advantages	Disadvantages
Age Appropriate	CC activities
Older sleep in (AA)	Child care
Benefits before school activities for older kids	Older siblings not able to look out for younger siblings
Less trouble time	After school activities lost classroom time
No housing	Not agree with start-stop times with other Metro districts
Change	Younger kids-latchkey issues
Separation older from younger (bus discipline)	Home alone (younger kids)
Older kids more alert with later start	With K-6 together more rider ship verses being with older kids-rider ship decreases with older ages
Younger kids more alert with early start	Instructional time decreased with older kids having to leave for sports re: late starts
Younger kids-optimal learning	Kids oversleep at 7 th –parents are at work
Easier to get up and going	HS/MS practices/activities
Same ages riding together	No older kids to assist with K-6 riders
Honors brain research	No older kids at home to assist
Buses loaded age appropriately	Enough buses for activities + or -
AM practices	Athletics missed time
Reduced or no AM care for younger students	Younger siblings home before older in PM
Reduces transition times for kids –get to school when school starts direct from home-less before school care	Unbalanced number of riders (early/late)
Fits brain research	Missed school time for sports
Fewer stops for Heights and 7-9	Fuller buses
Like ages together on buses	
Older siblings are home to help with younger in AM	
Safest for young kids first on/first off	
Reduce before school care	
Fuller buses/efficiency	
Like aged kids on bus	
Safety- few elementary when HS driving	
Matches brain study	

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Option 5: Early start 5-6, 10-12; late start K-4, 7-9

Advantages	Disadvantages
Same start time as Metro	10-12 start time older kids –less alert
Older kids will be out for jobs and activities	7-9 lost instructional time
10-12 early start prepares for college or work i.e. 8 to 5 or 7:15am class time	Younger kids get tired in afternoon
Older kids when younger get home	K-4 won't be as fresh
Middle school activities	If bus is delayed or cancelled the younger kids are on second route clueless until parent contact
Safety	Different ages on bus
Fewer class time minutes missed 10-12	Middle school will miss teaching time when school is later
10-12 available for child care	Older kids-less sleep
	3 schedule changes of families
	Brain research 7-9 & K-4
	Mixed ages for riders
	9-12 sports/activities
	7-9 misses more class time
	Bad age mix
	Inconsistent with brain research
	Bus goes to Heights and Point
	More class time missed 7-9
	Mixed age kids on bus
	Large volume of kids on late bus
	7-9 sports
	10-12 have to get up earlier
	K-4 too long of a day

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Option 6: Early Start 7-9, 10-12; late start K-4, 5-6 (16)

Advantages	Disadvantages
Mesh with Metro on starts	Older kids less alert in the morning
Minimal bus discipline	Younger kids get tired in afternoon
Less lost instructional time	Early bird classes/morning activities would be different
Same ages on bus	Less sleep
Sport schedules should be easier to accommodate	K-4 no parental guidance for parents with 8-5 jobs
Cartoons are better	Early practice –will they be earlier than now?
Fewer schedule changes for families	Brain research
Middle school activities	Require more before school care
Older kids home for childcare	Many drivers and buses needed in afternoon- could cause conflict with activity needs
Less missed time for high school	MS/HS unsupervised after school
Better for sports	Inconsistent with brain research
Good age mix	Fuller buses
Safer	Most unbalanced number of riders Early/Late
Buses don't go to Heights and Point	Younger kids picked up later in AM than older siblings
Liked age kids on bus	Lopsided load-heavier load in afternoon
Least amount of class time missed 7-12	BB studies
Older siblings home in PM before younger siblings	K-4, 5-6 Daycare –hard to find
Age groupings	Less time for pre-school practices
7-9 after school activities	More time for older kids to get in trouble

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Option 7: Early Start K-4; late start 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 (15)

Advantages	Disadvantages
Same ages on bus	More time to miss (teaching) for activities
Evens out number of kids/bus rider ship percentages	K-4 at home –are they by themselves?
Even split in riders	Childcare issues
Brain research	Middle school activities
AM practices	Age appropriate 5-12
Efficient loading and unloading	Age appropriate mix?
Balanced rider ship	Sports
Safer	Inconvenience for families
Fits Brain research	Class time missed 7-12
Avoid Heights/Point on same cycle	7-9 sports
Most balanced bus riders Early/Late	Baby sitting/child care
Like aged kids on bus	
Most even loadings	
BB Studies	
Age appropriate split	

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Option 8: Early start 5-6, 7-9, 10-12; late start K-4 (12)

Advantages	Disadvantages
Balanced rider ship percentages	Before school K-4 will be by themselves
Same ages on bus	Less sleep
Sport schedules	Brain research
Siblings at home	MS/HS unsupervised after school-too much mess up time
Keeps K-4 schedule consistent	Inconsistent with brain research
Older kids can handle early hours	K-4 Long day
Helps HS/MS activities	No AM daycare
Balanced rider ship	BB Studies
Safety	After school trouble- less free up buses for after school
Better for sports	
Avoids Point/Heights on same cycle	
Least class time missed 7-12	
Like aged kids on bus	
Most balanced number of riders Early/Late	
Potentially least congestion on campus	
7-9 sports	