



Park Hill School District

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2019-2020 School Start Times

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AUGUST 23, 2018

Current School Hours

LEVEL	HOURS	STUDENTS (estimate)
Kindergarten – 5 th Grade	8:40 AM to 3:30 PM	5,272
6 th Grade	7:45 AM to 2:40 PM	928
7 th Grade – 8 th Grade	7:35 AM to 2:30 PM	1,776
9 th Grade – 12 th Grade	7:30 AM to 2:38 PM	3,674
		11,650

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LEVEL	HOURS	STUDENTS (estimate)
Secondary (7 Grade Levels)		
6 th Grade	7:45 AM to 2:40 PM	928
7 th Grade – 8 th Grade	7:35 AM to 2:30 PM	1,776
9 th Grade – 12 th Grade	7:30 AM to 2:38 PM	3,674
	Secondary Subtotal	6,378
Elementary (6 Grade Levels)		
Kindergarten – 5 th Grade	8:40 AM to 3:30 PM	5,272
	Elementary Subtotal	5,272

Current School Hours

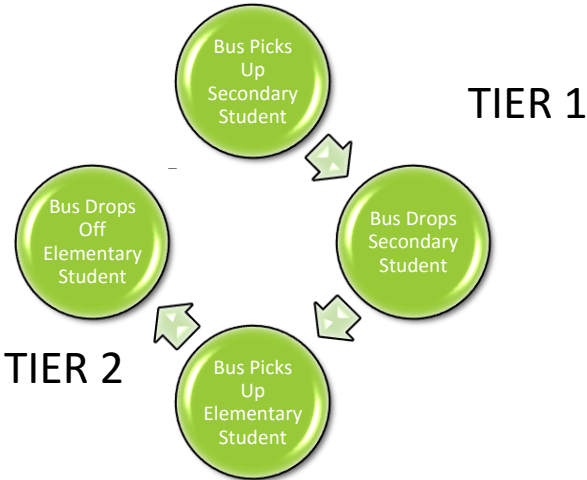
LEVEL	HOURS	STUDENTS (estimate)	BUS ROUTES
Secondary (7 Grade Levels)			
6 th Grade – 12 th Grade	~7:30 AM to 2:40 PM	6,378	101
Elementary (6 Grade Levels)			
Kindergarten – 5 th Grade	8:40 AM to 3:30 PM	5,272	102

*actual routes 120

Bus Routes

Park Hill School District specifies a “two-tier” system in the contract with FirstStudent

TIER	AM ROUTES	PM ROUTES
TIER 1 (Secondary)	6:30 AM – 7:20 AM	2:40 PM – 3:25 PM
TIER 2 (Elementary)	7:40 AM – 8:30 AM	3:40 PM – 4:30 PM
	<i>101 Routes/Drivers/Buses</i>	<i>101 Routes/Drivers/Buses</i>



School Start Time Ranges

School Start Time Range = [Latest School Start Time] - [Earliest School Start Time]

Park Hill School District

70 minutes = 8:40 AM – 7:30 AM

Liberty School District

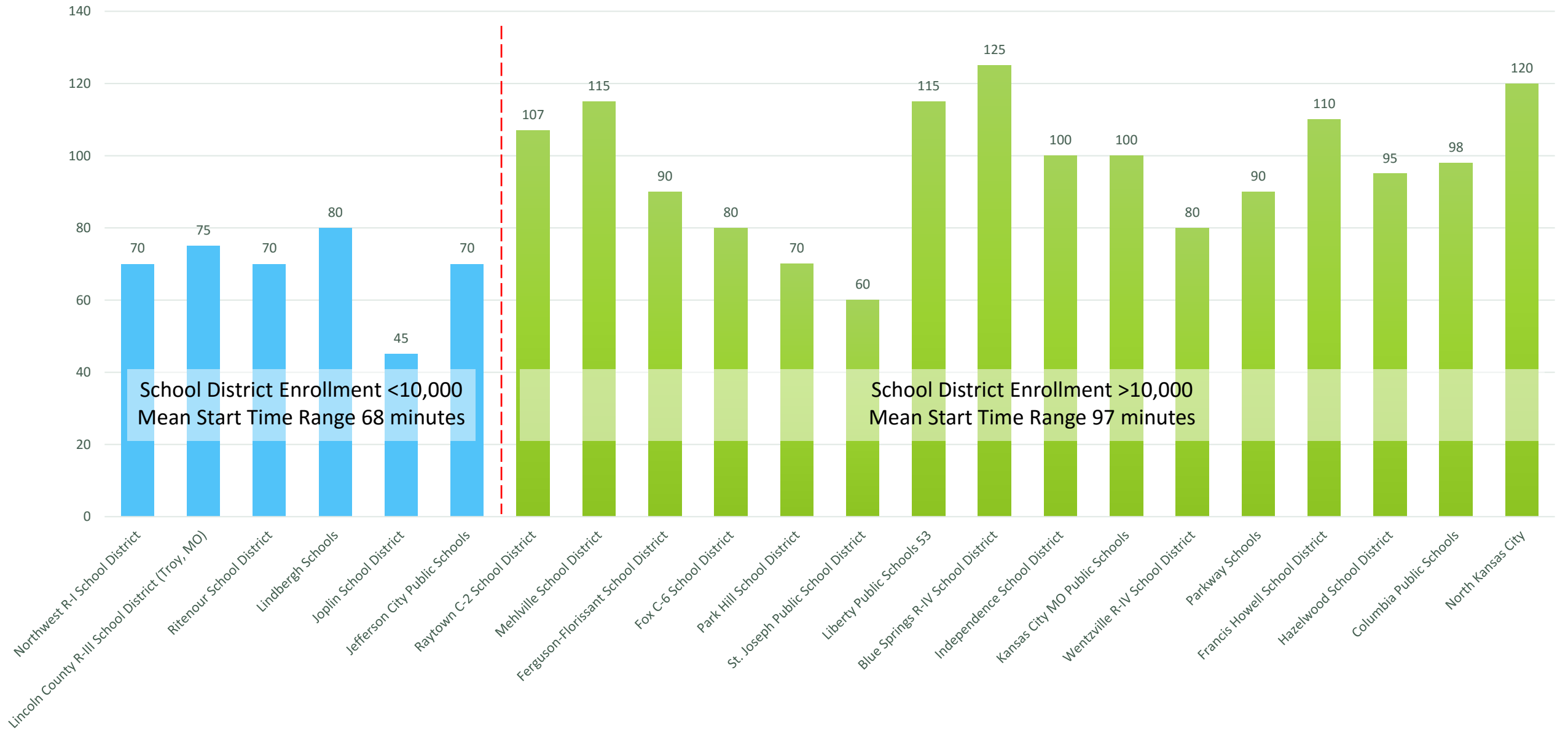
115 minutes = 9:10 AM – 7:15 AM

North Kansas City

120 minutes = 9:15 AM – 7:15 AM

School Start Time Ranges

Select Missouri Public School Districts



School Start Time Considerations

Larger school districts tend to have larger ranges in start times.

New schools and grade configurations (middle schools of 6th through 8th grade) create a change in attendance areas and number of bus routes needed resulting in increased transportation costs and demand for bus drivers.

Moving from start times requiring a two-tier bussing system to a three-tier system:

- Requires 1/3 fewer drivers and busses
- Provides a significant operating cost avoidance in student transportation

School Start Time Considerations

Bus drivers are in high demand and short supply

- Operating student transportation services short-handed causes a drop in quality and customer service

Enrollment growth is expected to continue in the school district which will provide additional student transportation challenges and costs.

Transporting student safely to and from school remains a top priority.

Unique window of time to implement new start times

- Redistricting
- Student Transportation contract rebid during the 2019-2020 school year

Next Steps

After 2019-2020 attendance areas are approved by the Board of Education (December, 2018), district staff will restructure school start times to allow for three-tier bus routes.

- Develop a timeline to review data to develop multiple options.
- Develop a process to solicit parent input on start time schedules
- Focus on maintaining the smallest possible start time range for safe, efficient and consistent transportation service
- New start times announced in Spring, 2019 to take effect in 2019-2020 school year.



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