

Cascade Elementary School

SUBJECT: Bell Schedule Change for Next Three School Years

Dear Cascade Elementary Family,

We understand concerns from teachers, parents, and our school community about the unfinished learning last school year when we abruptly moved to virtual learning due to the pandemic and the learning loss that occurred over the course of this school year. The pandemic presented tough challenges for all of us on many levels. However, Cascade Elementary continues to work tirelessly in support of our students and we remain focused on making decisions with their best interest at heart.

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) has developed an [Academic Recovery Plan](#) which will be implemented over the next three school years: 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024. This plan includes three components:

1. Adoption and implementation of a new K-12 Universal Screener
 - a. A universal screener helps us identify our students' learning strengths and needs in reading and mathematics.
2. Implementation of a Summer Academic Recovery Academy (ARA)
 - a. We encourage all of our families to enroll their children in ARA! For more information, visit www.atlantapublicschools.us/summeraps. The registration deadline is May 14.
3. Implementation of a required school-based intervention block for all schools:
 - a. Elementary School: minimum of 30 minutes, four days per week

In order to implement our required school-based intervention block and as a result of the district's tiered transportation schedule, Cascade Elementary's bell schedule will shift from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.

We appreciate your continued support of our efforts to implement an academic intervention plan that puts the success of our students first. Although the pandemic presented us with new challenges, we are working on new opportunities that will help our students succeed. I will provide additional updates on our plan as we move forward. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,
Ms. Tiffany B. Momon