



# 2008-09 Bell Schedule

The goal of the UCPS Transportation Department is to maintain a safe, effective and efficient operation for transporting students. State funding for the Transportation Department is based on how efficiently school buses operate. The funding formula consists of various criteria, but the basis is how many students are transported on a specific number of buses.

UCPS currently operates at a 100 percent efficiency rate with its 301 buses covering 24,000 miles a day and about four million miles during the school year.

In order to maintain this exemplary efficiency rating while addressing growth, controlling spending, and limiting the need for increasing the bus fleet along with all the associated costs for operation, a staggered bell schedule will be put in place for schools located in the most densely populated areas.

Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the cluster groups that will operate on a staggered bell schedule are Marvin Ridge, Weddington, Monroe, Sun Valley and Porter Ridge. These schools will be able to have separate middle and high school bus runs and hopefully reduce heavy traffic in and around school zones.

Schools in the more rural areas, (Parkwood, Piedmont and Forest Hills) will not be able to have staggered bell schedules nor separate middle and high school runs at this time. As these areas continue to experience growth, the implementation of a staggered bell schedule will become more of a possibility. In the meantime, achieving maximum efficiency in the more densely populated areas hopefully will shift resources to the less densely populated areas to reduce student ride time.

Here are the **Sun Valley Cluster** bell times for the 2008-2009 school year.

	START	END
Sun Valley Elem	8:15	2:45
Antioch	7:30	2:00
Indian Trail	7:30	2:00
Rocky River	7:30	2:00
Shiloh	7:30	2:00
Sun Valley MS	8:45	3:45
Sun Valley HS	8:00	2:55