

Chilton High School Required to Make Up Instructional Minutes: School Day Lengthens Beginning January 28

Thus far Chilton Public Schools students have missed five days of school and started school 2 hours late on two other days, all due to snow, ice, and severely cold temperatures. Nevertheless, Chilton High School students will also fall short of the state required minimum hours of instruction again this year unless there is a change to the daily schedule at the high school. According to Dr. Tim Schaid, Principal, the agreement between the Board of Education and the local teachers' association requires that teachers and students make up the 3rd and 4th days cancelled due to bad weather as well as the 6th day and any others that would occur thereafter. The 1st, 2nd, and 5th days are not made up. This means that as of January 19, students at Chilton Public Schools will be making up the 3rd and 4th snow days, but doing so will not address the issue of CHS students not meeting the state required number of hours of instruction for high school students that have been missed due to the two 2-hour late starts and the 3 other cancellation days that will not be made up.

As such, beginning with the start of the 2nd Semester on Wednesday, January 28 (originally, the 2nd semester was to start on Monday, January 26, but due to school cancellations was pushed back to January 28), the high school will begin dismissing at 3:05 PM instead of at the normal 2:55 PM dismissal time so the state required minimum hours of instruction can be met. Dr. Schaid said, "The state requires a minimum of 1,137 hours of instruction per year for high school students. If we do not begin making up lost instruction hours, we will fall short of the required hours of instruction by approximately 12 hours." Rather than have high school students come back to school to make up this time after school is out for the summer, Schaid said, "We will make up this time at a rate of 10 minutes per day for the entire 2nd semester, which will put us just above the state requirements for minimum hours of instruction."

Because the state allows daily homeroom time to be included in the total hours of instruction, the new schedule will reduce the daily nutrition break to ten minutes, reduce passing periods to five minutes, and add a fifteen minute homeroom period each day. During homerooms students will be able to study, engage in academic assistance from teachers, or participate in other activities. The new bell schedule will go into effect on Wednesday, January 28, and will be as follows:

1 st Block	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Nutrition Break	9:30 AM – 9:40 AM
Homeroom	9:40 – 9:55 AM
2 nd Block	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Lunch A	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Lunch A 3 rd Block	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Lunch B 3 rd Block	11:35 AM – 1:05 PM
Lunch B	1:05 PM – 1:35 PM
4 th Block	1:35 PM – 3:05 PM

If parents or community members have any questions regarding the new schedule or the state required minimum hours of instruction, they are encouraged to contact Dr. Tim Schaid at Chilton High School by calling 920-849-2358.