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New 2013-14 School Year Calendar & schedule changes now in effect

School start and end times changing at most LEUSD schools

LAKE ELSINORE— A new 2013-14 School Year Calendar that eliminates Wednesday 'minimum days' and sets new starting and ending times for elementary, middle, and K-8 schools goes into effect in August. High schools will have a new start time of 7:45 a.m., though HS ending times are unchanged. The changes will assist in implementing state Common Core Standards, part of a national initiative to better prepare students for college and career success.

The new starting and ending bell schedules and school calendar are shown on pages 2-3.

California's Common Core standards will be in place by 2014-15, so LEUSD has adjusted the 2013-14 calendar and bell schedules to facilitate a school wide transition this year and next. The new bell schedules and school year calendar were approved by the Governing Board in June.

The new bell schedule provides for additional after school programs and staffing at two sites, Canyon Lake Middle School (CLMS) and Terra Cotta Middle School (TCMS), which are affected by bus transportation route timing delays.

After-school program staffing at CLMS and TCMS was increased to provide new academic tutorial/enrichment and after-school supervision during the extended wait time between school dismissal and bus arrival. These after-school programs will be coordinated and managed by *Think Together*, a respected educational partner with similar programs throughout LEUSD. These new programs will be offered to CLMS and TCMS students who ride the bus and other interested students, at no additional cost to parents.

As a convenience to parents, fee-based childcare will continue to be provided at existing district and school locations.

School year calendar and schedule changes take into consideration student learning needs, bus transportation logistics, and endorsement by LEUSD's two associations, the Lake Elsinore Teachers Association (LETA) and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 598 (CSEA). LEUSD will post final school year calendar and bell schedule information on LEUSD's Web site, and will notify student households via reverse dialer before the school year start.

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School Starting and Ending Times (approved):

Elementary: 8 a.m.—1:45 p.m.

- AM Kinder 8:00 a.m.—11:40 a.m.
- PM Kinder 10:05 a.m.—1:45 p.m.
- Grades 1-5 8:00 a.m.—1:45 p.m.
 - *School buses arrive approximately 1:45 p.m.*

K-8: varies for K-5, 6-8

- AM Kinder 8:00 a.m.—11:40 a.m.
- PM Kinder 10:05 a.m.—1:45 p.m.
- Grades K-5 8:00 a.m.—1:45 p.m.
 - *School buses do not arrive until approximately 2:10 p.m.*
- Grades 6-8 7:50 a.m.—1:45 p.m.
 - *School buses do not arrive until approximately 2:10 p.m.*

Middle School: varies by site

- CLMS 7:46 a.m.—2:01 p.m.*
 - *School buses do not arrive until approximately 3:15 p.m.; therefore, after school program to be offered to all students.*
 - **This ending time is 16 minutes later than Cottonwood Canyon Elementary School's dismissal time, to help mitigate traffic congestion in the surrounding area.*
- TCMS 7:40 a.m.—1:44 p.m.
 - *School buses do not arrive until approximately 3:15 p.m.; therefore, after school program to be offered to all students.*
- DABMS 7:30 a.m.—1:34 p.m.
 - *School buses arrive approximately 1:34 p.m.*
- EMS 7:30 a.m.—1:34 p.m.
 - *School buses arrive approximately 1:34 p.m.*

High School: 7:45 a.m.—2:31 p.m. (ending times unchanged)

- All* 7:45 a.m.—2:31 p.m.
 - *School buses arrive approximately 2:31 p.m.*
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The Lake Elsinore Unified School District covers more than 144 square miles and educates K-12 students from the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and Wildomar, and several unincorporated Riverside County communities, including Lakeland Village and Horsethief Canyon. The district serves nearly 22,000 students and operates 24 different schools, along with alternative education programs, and an online K-12 academy. LEUSD offers the rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Temescal Canyon High School, a newly certified IB World School. LEUSD has shown steady and positive academic performance growth overall, according to California's Academic Performance Index for 2012.