

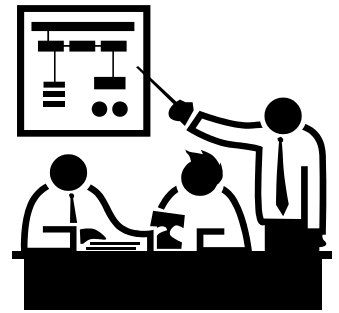
Stanly County Schools

MARCH 20 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

2019 – 2020 BELL SCHEDULES



Stanly County Objectives



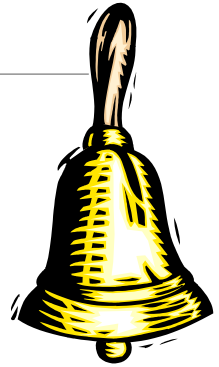
- Ensure safe and **on time** transportation service
- Address significant bus driver shortage issue
 - Employ as many FT bus drivers as possible
- Improve transportation efficiency to ensure best use of funding
- Protect instructional time
- Reassign supervision of bus drivers to Transportation Department
- Change as little as possible so as to minimize disruptions to staff, family and community.

Current Transportation Operations

- Total Buses Currently Operated: 86
- Breakfast programs require buses to be on campus 15 – 30 minutes before bell time
- Middle and high school students ride together with the exception of Albemarle Middle and High School
- Most elementary buses are single tripped buses
- **Reduction of Buses Operated to achieve 100% Budget Rating: 20 (depending on cost of benefits)**
- Route time for the longest bus routes are 110 minutes at multiple school locations (mainly high schools and middle schools)

Note: 5 Yellow Buses may be converted to Activity Buses

Stanly County Current Bell Schedules



High Schools

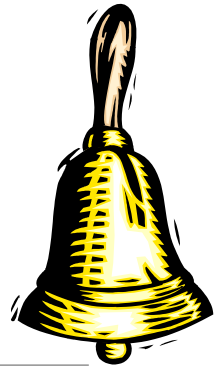
7:50 – 3:05 (7 hours, 15 minutes)

Middle Schools

7:45 – 2:50 or 7:55 – 2:55 (7 hours, 5 minutes)

Elementary Schools

7:50 – 2:45 (6 hours, 55 minutes)



Bell Schedule Options

Option 1: No change to High School/Middle school start times; Elementary Schools tiered

- High Schools: 7:55 – 3:05
- Middle Schools: 7:55 – 2:55
- Elementary Schools: 7:30 – 2:25 or 9:00 – 3:55

Exception: Albemarle Middle – 8:50 – 3:55

Option 2: No change to any High School/Middle School start times; Elementary Schools tiered

- High Schools: 7:55 – 3:05
- Middle Schools: 7:55 – 2:55
- Elementary Schools: 7:30 – 2:25 (4) or 9:00 - 3:55 (6)

Move East to later bell time (9:00 – 3:55)

Are there other options?

Schedule variations may be adopted as follows:

➤ Possible Elementary start times:

- 7:00 – 1:55 and 8:30 – 3:25
- 7:15 – 2:10 and 8:45 – 3:40

➤ Possible High school/Middle school start times:

- 7:00 – 2:15 (HS) and 7:00 – 2:00 (MS)
- 7:15 – 2:30 (HS) and 7:15 – 2:15 (MS)
- 7:30 – 2:45 (HS) and 7:30 – 2:30 (MS)
- 8:15 – 3:30 (HS) and 8:15 – 3:15 (MS)
- 8:30 – 3:45 (HS) and 8:30 – 3:30 (MS)

How much money will SCS save?

- Savings will be generated through an increase in Transportation Efficiency – resulting in a reduction in local funding needed to support Transportation operations.
- 2018/19 Local Transportation Budget: \$264,606 *
- If proposal is adopted, SCS will operate approximately 20 fewer buses during 2019/20.

* Based on NCDPI 2018/19 Transportation Funding Information.

Will there be any cost?

- Operating cost will include:
 - Benefits cost for FT bus drivers.
 - Health Insurance - \$500+ per month/driver.
 - 20% of Salary for Retirement
 - Cost per FT Driver assuming \$12.07 hourly rate
 - \$47 per day; \$8460 Annually (6 Hrs. per day)
 - Assuming 27 Drivers become FT, cost will approximate \$228,420 annually.

Note: The Transportation Budget rating is calculated using prior year expenses; it is very likely that the cost of benefits related to Transportation will be paid by state funding after year 1 when the cost of benefits is added to eligible expenditures.

Will there be any cost?

- Cost to hire Transportation Coordinators
 - Budget \$160,000 for salary/benefits cost
 - Offset by adding 100 students riding to daycares in the afternoon

(State Funding would cover cost after year 1 . . . And this can be done without changing bell schedules).