

School Start Time Task Force

Purpose

Jeffco Public Schools wishes to align instructional practices and learning environments with evidence-based best practices and physiological needs for students. The district also wishes to remain fiscally responsible, provide equitable access to athletics and activities, and to support our students in a variety of extra-curricular and community endeavors. Toward, that end, the district hereby establishes a School Start Time Task Force (Task Force) to hold a representative community conversation regarding school start and end times.

Charge to the Task Force

The Task Force is charged with holding balanced and representative discussions related to the possibility of altering secondary school start times to later in the day. The Task Force shall also consider the complexities of such a decision and what impact it might have on areas such as student transportation, elementary and preschool start times, staff impact, athletics and activities, and impacts on the community workforce. The Task Force shall use a consensus-based process to arrive at a set of recommendations to be presented to the Superintendent early in the spring of 2019.

Membership of the Task Force

Task Force membership shall include, but not be limited to, 2 members from each of the district's articulation areas. Members will be appointed by the Superintendent.

Consideration will be given to creating a Task Force which is diverse and representative of Jeffco in terms of geography, role in relation to Jeffco Public Schools, and community demographics.

Task Force Leadership

The task force shall elect tri-chairs, who shall be responsible for scheduling and organizing the meetings, and ensuring the Task Force meets its primary goal of providing the district with a set of recommendations. The tri-chairs are to work closely with the district facilitator to ensure the charge to the Task Force is met.

Decision Making Process and Expectations

The Task Force shall rely on a consensus-based process to determine what recommendations or action steps it chooses to include in its recommendations. The Task Force is expected to meet monthly, but is free to set its own meeting schedule and agenda.

Staff Support

The Superintendent shall meet with and support the Task Force, initially and upon request where calendaring allows. The Superintendent shall also designate a Facilitator who shall be responsible for supporting the work of the Task Force.