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**School day will be five minutes longer in 2018-2019**

Beginning next fall, the school day will be extended by five minutes at all Lake Travis ISD campuses, district officials announced recently. The additional minutes at the end of the day are needed to build capacity in the event of a school delay or closure due to bad weather. Current school start times will not be affected.

House Bill 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature in the spring of 2015, requires that public school students receive 75,600 minutes of instruction annually. Before the new law was enacted, school districts were required to provide students with 180 days of instruction annually. The change from ‘days’ to ‘minutes’ of instruction allows school districts to bank sufficient minutes of instruction above the required minimum and avoid using bad weather make-up days. However, should the district encounter an emergency or other unforeseen circumstance, students may be required to make up any lost instructional time in order to comply with state law.

In January, the Lake Travis school board adopted [the 2018-2019 instructional calendar](#) with the first day of instruction set for Wednesday, August 15, 2018 and the last day of instruction set for Friday, May 24, 2019.

Listed below are current instructional day start and end times, as well as start and end times for the 2018-2019 school year:

2017-2018 INSTRUCTIONAL DAY		
<i>Level</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>End Time</i>
Elementary	7:40 am	2:55 pm
Secondary (middle and high school)	8:50 am	4:05 pm

2018-2019 INSTRUCTIONAL DAY		
<i>Level</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>End Time</i>
Elementary	7:40 am	<b>3:00 pm</b>
Secondary (middle and high school)	8:50 am	<b>4:10 pm</b>

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Questions or concerns regarding the additional minutes and their potential impact on specific campus activities and programs should be addressed to the respective school principal.

For more information, contact the Lake Travis ISD Office of Communications at (512) 533-6046.

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*In 1981, Lake Travis Independent School District was formed in a move to build an educational program which would better meet the needs of the students from the Lake Travis area. More than 10,300 district students are serviced by nine campuses: Lake Travis High School; Lake Travis and Hudson Bend middle schools; and Bee Cave, Lake Pointe, Lake Travis, Lakeway, Serene Hills, and West Cypress Hills elementary schools. For more information, visit [www.ltidschools.org](http://www.ltidschools.org).*