

**Broward County Public Schools**  
**Extended Learning Opportunities for Lowest 300 Schools**  
**Parent & Community Frequently Asked Questions**

Question	Answer
<b>Why is my school extending the school day by thirty minutes?</b>	The Florida Legislature requires elementary schools that are identified as being among the lowest 300 in the state for reading performance, to provide one additional hour of reading instruction. House Bill 7055 authorizes the additional hour of reading instruction <b>MAY</b> be provided within the school day. As such, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will embed the additional hour within the existing school day. In order to meet the required daily instructional minutes, BCPS must extend the school by 30 minutes. Therefore, the lowest 300 performing elementary school in Broward County will move to a 6.5 hour day.
<b>Why was my school identified?</b>	Schools were identified by the state based on a three-year average of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English Language Arts proficiency rates and learning gains.
<b>What will the students do during the extended time?</b>	State law requires an additional hour be used to provide intensive instruction in reading. This intensive instruction will be facilitated through enrichment activities aligned to our current Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics resources.
<b>Are students required to stay for the extended time?</b>	All kindergarten through fifth grade students at the identified schools, with the exception of any fourth or fifth grade student who scored a Level 4 or 5 on the FSA English Language Arts assessment in the Spring of 2019, are required to be in attendance for the entire school day.
<b>What is the impact to Pre-K and PLACE programs?</b>	Students in these programs will not participate in the additional hour of instruction. Students who participate in District transportation will be transported at their regularly scheduled dismissal time or will be kept on campus in an enrichment program until other students are dismissed/transported.
<b>How will the extended time impact students who ride school buses?</b>	District transportation will transport students in accordance with School Board approved bell schedules at the schools.

<p><b>What is the impact to after school child care programs?</b></p>	<p>After school child care programs are aware of the changes in school opening and closing times and will adjust staffing accordingly. There should be no impact to the parents/students.</p>
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<p><b>Do we have to do an extended learning day on Early Release Days?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Standard hours for students on Early Release Days are 4 hours. At our extended learning day schools, the day will be 4.5 hours in length on Early Release Days, with dismissal time two hours earlier than on regular school days.</p>
<p><b>What is the impact to ESE students?</b></p>	<p>ESE students will engage in the additional hour of learning with their regular education peers. All IEP and 504 accommodations, as applicable, will remain in effect.</p>
<p><b>How long will my school have this extended hour?</b></p>	<p>The school will participate in the extended day all year. Participating schools are identified on a yearly basis by the Florida Department of Education.</p>