



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### District changes school times, expands campus 'walk zones'

Goose Creek CISD is reducing the number of bus routes and changing the start and end times at most schools as part of an overall strategy to address a \$15 million reduction in state funding.

The move to reduce bus routes by expanding "walk zones" affects more than 300 former bus riders who now will walk or get a ride to school.

The start and the end of the school day will change anywhere from 15 minutes to 5 minutes for 16 campuses.

The length of the school day will not change.

Both changes are part of a scaled-back transportation plan that will save the district \$962,556.

#### Walk zones

The State of Texas does not fund school bus routes within two miles of a school, and the current loss in state funding requires Goose Creek CISD to create a leaner and more efficient school bus routing system.

Schools with newly expanded walk zones are Lamar Elementary, Austin Elementary, Crockett Elementary, Harlem Elementary, Cedar Bayou Junior, and Highlands Junior.

In addition, the new three-tier bus transportation system — where each bus would serve an elementary school, a junior school and a high school — will provide cost-savings because of a decreased need for personnel, buses and fuel.

The district also is reducing the number of bus stops by 45 percent to improve the efficiency. Some bus stops will be consolidated, meaning some students who were once picked up in front of their houses may have to walk a few blocks to new stops.



[Maps of new walk zones](#) | [Bus stop locator](#)

#### School bells

Beginning Aug. 22 with start of the 2011-2012 school year, Goose Creek CISD is changing the start and end times for 16 of its 24 schools.

Lee High School, Sterling High School and Goose Creek Memorial High School will all begin at 7:15 a.m. and dismiss at 2:30 p.m. This past year, these high schools began at 7:30 a.m. and dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

The five junior schools — Baytown, Cedar Bayou, Gentry, Highlands and Horace Mann — will all begin at 8:45 a.m. and dismiss at 4 p.m. This past year, these junior schools began at 8:40 a.m. and dismissed at 3:55 p.m.

Six elementary schools — Austin, Crockett, De Zavala, Harlem, Highlands, Hopper, and Travis — and Hopper Primary will start and end school 15 minutes later. When school opens Aug. 22, these schools will start class at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss students at 3:30 p.m.

The district's other eight campuses have the same start and end times as last year. The length of the school day will not change under the new start and stop times.

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