



**New School Start Time requirements are mandated to begin in 25-26 School Year.
Summer meetings will look at the requirements!
How are the districts preparing for implementation?**

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School Start Times to Change in 2026

Will you be ready? Will the new times actually result in more sleep-time for Middle/High School kids?

By July 1, 2026, School Districts are required to push back start times for high schools and middle schools under a new law that mandates changes to the beginning of the school day. Under the law, which went into effect in July of 2023, middle schools will be prevented from beginning the “instructional day” earlier than 8 a.m., while high schools will be barred from starting the school day before 8:30 a.m. Supporters of the measure touted the mandate as a way to help students get more sleep before the school day begins. Opponents of the bill raised concerns including increased costs, impact on drop-off on working parents, younger students having to start earlier, and whether or not the legislation would in fact result in adolescents getting more sleep.

During the upcoming meetings of the FSBA and the Small Districts – the issue of Start Times will be discussed. Districts will be asked to share the following:

1. Are you complying with the new start times in 24-25?
2. If not – are you planning for implementation in 25-26?
3. Is your district informing the community stakeholders regarding the legislation?
4. What kind of challenges/impacts are anticipated?
5. What will be needed for successful implementation?
6. Would your district be able to sufficiently document the situation where the “problems” are greater than the impact on sleep habits?
7. Would you support a process to waive or deviate from the statutory time frame for implementation?

Here’s a look at the statutory requirement!

1001.42 - Powers and duties of district school board.

The district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties listed below:

(4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF SCHOOLS.—Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the district, including, but not limited to, the following:

(f) Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date; middle school and high school start times.—Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools, fix uniform dates, and middle school and high school start times.

1. The opening date for schools in the district may not be earlier than August 10 of each year.
2. By July 1, 2026, the instructional day for middle schools may not begin earlier than 8 a.m. and the instructional day for high schools may not begin earlier than 8:30 a.m. Each district school board must inform its community, including parents, students, teachers, school administrators, athletic coaches, and other stakeholders, about the health, safety, and academic impacts of sleep deprivation on middle school and high school students and the benefits of a later school start time and discuss local strategies to successfully implement the later school start times.

Storm-related Sales Tax Holiday starts next week

<https://floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep/Documents/2024/DPposter8.5X14.pdf>

With a more than usual hurricane season predicted, Floridians can take advantage of a 14-day sales tax “holiday” on storm-related items. The tax holiday will run from June 1 to June 14 and is timed with the start of the six-month hurricane season.

The private meteorology company AccuWeather has projected a “turbulent” hurricane season, with the number of storms potentially exceeding the 21 names the World Meteorological Organization assigns annually for Atlantic hurricanes. During the tax holiday, consumers will not have to pay sales taxes on items ranging from packages of batteries to portable generators. A second “holiday” for the same items will be held for 14 days starting Aug. 24, ahead of the mid-September peak of the season.

2024 Executive Agency Organization Charts

Agency Organization Charts from each Agency's recent Legislative Budget Request documents for 2024.

[The Guide to Florida Government updated 12/15/23](#)

[State Agency Org. Charts](#)

SUMMER MEETINGS COMING UP

- **June 5 – 7** – Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Tentative Conference Agenda](#)
- **JUNE 6, 2024** - FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium
7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14th Floor
- **June 25 – 28** – the Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting
Bonnet Creek Orlando - <https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>
- **June 26th** - the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting
Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am - Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

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[FlaPol: Fuming at Palestine moves, Randy Fine wants ban on investments in Ireland, Spain, Norway](#)

[Sentinel: Former Disney executive files to run against Orlando-area Rep. Amesty](#)

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On The Docket

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

- FSDB TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- RENNEN SPEAKS AT CHAMBER EVENT - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the "Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit," with speakers expected to include House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about planned changes at the interchange of Interstate 10 and U.S. 129 in Suwannee County. Live Oak City Hall, 101 S.E. White Ave., Live Oak.
- COMMUTER RAIL - Thursday, 6 p.m. Broward County Transit and the Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about a proposal to extend commuter rail from the

Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to southern Fort Lauderdale. <https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg>. Call-in number: 1-562-247-8422. Code: 153015917

- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Drury Inn and Suites, 4000 S.W. 40th Blvd., Gainesville. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 408138813

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- BROWARD LAWMAKERS DISCUSS SESSION - Friday, 1 p.m. Broward County lawmakers are expected to take part in a discussion about the 2024 legislative session. Florida Atlantic University, Davie Campus, 3200 College Ave., Davie.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

- NOEM SPEAKS IN BREVARD - Saturday, 7:30 p.m. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is scheduled to speak during the Brevard County Republican Party's Lincoln Reagan Dinner. Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral.

About the Briefing!

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