



Student Transportation Council

Superintendent Anthony Q. Davis

Development of Superintendent's Student Transportation Council

- Superintendent desire to hear from students
 - Participants (38)
 - Students from grades 8 -12; 2-3 students per school
 - Middle School, K-8 School, High School

- Dates
 - November 2nd, 2023
 - November 27th, 2023
 - March 14th, 2024

Feedback from Transportation Meetings

- Many students suggest continuing current start times or making slight adjustments, with sports commitments being a major consideration.
- There is mixed support for later start times, with concerns about it leading to later dismissals and impacting after-school activities.
- Safety concerns were also raised regarding later start times, particularly walking home in the dark during winter.
- Discussion highlighted the challenges of balancing transportation needs with driver shortages and the logistical issues of modifying bus routes.
- Students suggested a variety of solutions, including paid carpooling, stipends for external transport, and revisiting driver education programs.
- The need for better communication and awareness about transportation issues among the community was acknowledged.

Middle School Perspective

- "I do sports and walk to school in the morning. It gets darker earlier every day in winter and leaving practice at 5:30 PM feels dangerous."
- "I think starting school at 7:00 AM would be better. It means it won't be as dark when we leave home in the morning."
- "Starting school between 7:45 and 8:00 AM would be great. It's early enough to help me manage my schedule better without being too early like it is now."
- "There is definitely a stigma around being a bus driver, so showing them appreciation is important, and so giving them better pay."
- "Not everyone will like the start times, but going off statistics is probably the smartest thing to do."

High School Perspective

- "As a student who also works, earlier start times would make things easier. Starting at 7:45 AM wouldn't work since the day will end later, and I still have to go home and get ready for work."
- "I think starting school later is better for our mental health. I do a lot of sports, but I don't mind going home late."
- "Mom wants the day to start later, but that doesn't really matter to me. I made this year's start times work. My mom's perspective is that I'm a student who plays sports, works, and needs to sleep, but I'm managing just fine."
- " I think starting school between 8:30 and 9:00 AM would be better. Right now, it's too early, so I have to wake up at 5 am to catch the 6:30 am bus."
- " We should ask more students for their thoughts, maybe through a survey. We could also make a video discussing the topic, which would make it easier to understand."

VIDEO





Staff Results





Parent/Guardian Results





Student Results



2,185 responses submitted

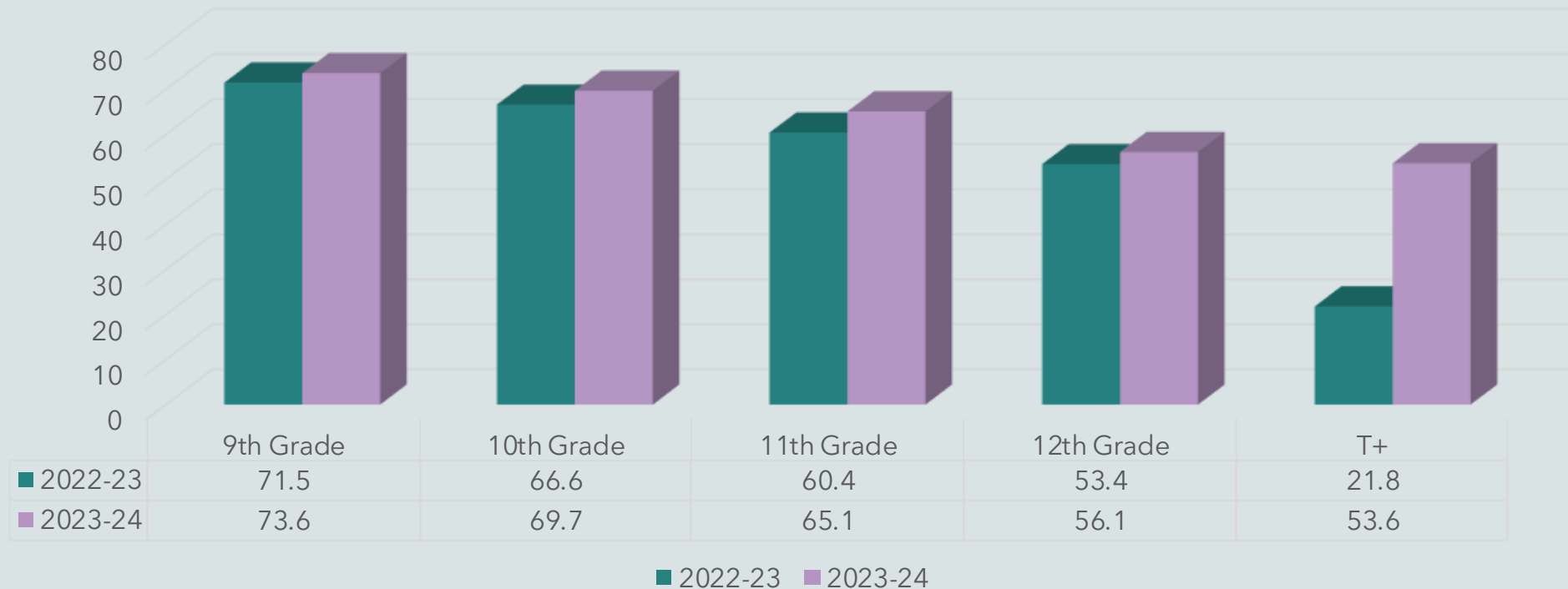
Final Results -

**62% voted for
7:25am - 1:59pm**

**38% voted for
8:25am-2:59pm**

Concerns/Assumptions about start/end time

Moderate - Satisfactory Attendance YTD





Thank you
