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Iberville Parish Sets New Take-In and Dismissal Times for Public Schools

The Iberville Parish School System has announced new school morning start times and dismissal times for all schools in the parish. The 2009-2010 school year will begin on Monday, August 10 with a full day of learning activities.

"We want to use our resources wisely and to provide optimal learning advantages for our students," said Iberville Superintendent P. Edward Cancienne, Jr. This new system of official take-in and dismissal times is designed to assist with the optimal bus routes and learning situations for all children in the parish, he noted.

The new times are as follows: Iberville Elementary students and students attending pre-kindergarten and kindergarten on the E. J. Gay campus begin at 7:40 a.m. and end at 2:32 p.m.; Plaquemine High begins at 8:25 a.m. and dismisses at 3:48 p.m.; Math, Science and Arts Academy-West (E.J. Gay campus) begins at 8:30 and ends at 3:30 p.m.; the Optional Education Center in Plaquemine will take in at 7:35 a.m. and dismiss at 2:35 p.m.; Crescent Elementary will take in at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 2:40, while Crescent Junior High students also begin at 7:50 a.m. but dismiss at 3:10 p.m. St. John School students, which travel on Iberville Parish buses, will take in at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 3:10 p.m.

In the White Castle area, Dorseyville Elementary will take in at 7:25 a.m. and dismiss at 2:40 p.m. and White Castle High will take in at 8:25 a.m. and dismiss at 3:35 p.m. North Iberville Elementary students will take in at 8:15 a.m. and dismiss at 3:20 p.m.

On the East side of the river, Iberville's East Iberville Elementary will take in at 7:40 a.m. and dismiss at 2:40 p.m. and East Iberville High will taken in at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:40 p.m. The Math, Science, and Arts Academy-East will take in at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m.

All parents have been mailed letters and the faculty has been making plans for implementation this summer.

"We are trying to conserve our resources and to be sensitive to travel times via bus," said P. Edward Cancienne, Jr. "We also want our children to be able to have extracurricular activities and perform well in school."

The students formerly at North Iberville High School will be boarding the bus from the North Iberville campus at approximately the time school started there last school year. "This is an important consideration that the school board wanted for their transition to Plaquemine High," said Superintendent P. Edward Cancienne.

In addition, he said that the new times were devised based on research which demonstrates that children of adolescent age perform better with later school start times. "We are doing everything within our means to provide our children with optimal learning experiences," he added.

Other important dates on the school calendar for the new school year can be found on the Iberville Parish School System website at ipsb.net.

Any questions about school transportation can be made by calling John Bueche, Supervisor of Transportation at 687-4341, Extension 130.