

POLICY TITLE: <b>School Year and School Day</b>		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: <b>District Management</b>		

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth regulations for the establishment of beginning and dismissal times regarding the school day for Harford County Public Schools (HCPS).

### **I. Policy Statement**

- A. The Superintendent shall make recommendations for the beginning and dismissal times for each level of schools in the HCPS system; i.e. 1) high schools, 2) middle schools, and 3) elementary schools. Such recommended beginning and dismissal times shall be applicable as to all schools at each level (high, middle and elementary) unless exceptional circumstances warrant, in the Superintendent's judgment, a recommendation of a different beginning and/or dismissal time for a particular school or schools.
- B. The Board shall receive such recommendations and, at a regular business meeting, decide whether to accept, reject or modify at its discretion the beginning and dismissal times recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. The Superintendent retains the authority to modify beginning and dismissal times established by the Board for any school or schools based upon

exceptional or emergency circumstances. Such modification by the Superintendent of a beginning or dismissal time for a school or schools may continue for a period of sixty (60) school days. Thereafter, continuation of any such modified beginning time or dismissal time of any school or schools shall be authorized by the Board.

**Board Approval Acknowledged By:**

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Patricia L. Skebeck, Secretary and Treasurer  
Board of Education of Harford County

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