

Double-Session Schools SY2025-2026

Increasing Instructional Time

GEB Curriculum Work Session on Friday, May 30, 2025

Superintendent Dr. Swanson and Guam Education Board Curriculum Committee:

On May 6, 2025, the Guam Education Board (GEB) approved the continuation of the double-session status for John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS) with Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) and Okkodo High School (OHS) with F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School (FBLGMS) for the 2025-2026 school year. This approval is contingent upon the development and implementation of plans to address instructional time, which will require further review and final approval by the GEB. Additionally, the refurbishment project for FBLGMS is expected to be completed by December 2025, which could potentially end the double-session sooner.

The double-session school principals (A. Rosete, C. Masnayan, R. Flores, and M. Mafnas) met several times with the DS-ESCL Adamos to ensure that we collaboratively complete this task assigned by the GEB. As such, we present this report to the GEB Curriculum Committee for consideration.

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25 Bell Schedule	
JFKHS	Instructional Minutes
6:40 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	210
SSHS	
12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	223
OHS	
6:55 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	230
FBLGMS	
12:45 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.	221
SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26 Bell Schedule	
JFKHS	Instructional Minutes
6:40 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.	261
SSHS	
12:10 P.M. - 5:50 P.M.	270
OHS	
6:55 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	264
FBLGMS	
12:30 P.M. - 5:20 P.M.	240

As per the Collective Bargaining Agreement and adopted school calendars, teachers' instructional contact time is set at 900 hours per school year. Under the traditional 180-day calendar, this equated to a minimum of 300 minutes (5 hours) of instruction per day. With the transition to a 174-day calendar, the instructional contact time was maintained by increasing daily instructional minutes to 311—an 11-minute increase per day.

Adjusting the Start and End Times

To increase instructional time, we reassessed each school's start and end times. Adjustments were made in coordination with the Department of Public Works, ensuring alignment with transportation logistics. Given that JFKHS and OHS share the same central busing fleet, and SSHS and FBLGMS utilize the northern busing fleet, scheduling changes required careful planning.

For the upcoming school year, the increases in instructional time are as follows:

- **JFKHS:** +60 minutes (to include a shortened lunch)
- **SSHS:** +60 minutes (to include a shortened lunch)
- **OHS:** +59 minutes (to include a shortened lunch)

- **FBLGMS:** +44 minutes (to include a shortened lunch)

These modifications aim to optimize instructional contact time while maintaining efficient transportation schedules.

Adjusting Teachers' Lunch and Duty Hours

For schools that operate on a morning schedule, teachers are available to meet with students during lunch. Additionally, after dismissal, teachers hold office hours as part of their duty day, providing further support. These office hours are conducted off campus via Zoom, Google Meet, or phone calls. The scheduled office hours for the upcoming school year are as follows:

- **JFKHS:** 12:30 – 1:35 P.M.
- **OHS:** 12:35 – 1:45 P.M.

These structured office hours ensure accessibility for students who may need additional guidance outside of regular class time.

For the schools that operate in the afternoon schedule, teachers start their duty day by having lunch off-campus. Upon arriving on campus during student lunch, they are officially on duty. During this time, teachers may engage in various responsibilities, including meeting with students, grading assignments, collaborating with colleagues, and participating in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. In the past school year, SSHS implemented this adjustment to teachers' lunch and duty schedules as a deliberate effort to enhance student support. In the upcoming school year, FBLGMS will make this adjustment, too.

Additionally, teachers may opt to assist with student supervision, reinforcing a structured and safe learning environment.

Individual Bell Schedules

For School Year 2025-2026

John F. Kennedy HS			Simon A. Sanchez HS			Okkodo HS			FB Leon Guerrero MS		
			10:40-11:25	Teacher Lunch					10:20-11:20	Teacher Lunch	60
			11:25-11:55	Transition					11:20-11:50	Transition	30
			12:00	Teacher Duty time begins					11:55	Teacher Duty Time begins	
Time	Schedule	Mins	Time	Schedule	Mins	Time	Schedule	Mins	11:55 - 1:10	Office Hours	75
6:40-8:07	Block 1	87	12:10-12:55	Student Lunch	45	6:55-8:23	Block 1	88	Time	Schedule	Mins
8:07-8:10	Passing	3	1:00-2:30	Block 1	90	8:23-9:54	Block 2	88	12:30-1:10	Student Lunch	40
8:10-9:37	Block 2	87	2:30-2:35	Passing Time	5	9:54-10:02	BREAK	8	1:10-2:10	Block 1	60
9:37-10:07	Lunch	40	2:35-4:05	Block 2	90	10:02-11:30	Block 3	88	2:10-3:10	Block 2	60
10:07-10:17	Break	10	4:05-4:20	Break	15	11:30AM-12:15PM	LUNCH	45	3:10-3:20	BREAK	10
10:17-11:50	Block 3	87	4:20-5:50	Block 3	90	12:15 PM	DISMISSAL		3:20-4:20	Block 3	60
11:50	Dismissal		5:50	Dismissal		12:35-1:45PM	OFFICE HRS	75	4:20-5:20	Block 4	60
12:00 - 12:30	Transition								5:20 p.m.	Dismissal	
12:30- 1:35	Office Hours	65							5:30 p.m.	Bus Dismissal	
Time increased	17mins/class	51mins	Time increased	20mins/class	60mins	Time increased		59mins	Time increased	11mins/class	44mins

Conclusion

Maintaining the double-session model highlights the ongoing need to balance student learning with logistical and infrastructural constraints. The principals of these schools, along with the GDOE Management Team, remain committed to ensuring that students receive adequate instructional time while continuously evaluating strategies to uphold educational standards and effectively address existing limitations.