

School Start/Dismissal Times

<u>School</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Dismissal Time</u>
Tupelo High School	8:00	3:15
Oxford High School	8:30	3:50
Ocean Springs High School	8:30	3:50
Petal High School	8:30	3:55
Madison Central High School	8:25	3:35
Gulfport High School	8:25	3:35
Desoto Central High School	8:25	3:33
Clinton High School	8:15	3:50

Notes:

- The average start time for public schools in the U.S. is 8:03 AM.
- 75-100% of schools in 42 states start before 8:30 AM.
- Only 17.7% of public schools in the U.S. start at 8:30 AM or later.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Pros/Cons of Later Start Time

Pros:

- Reduced risk of teen crashes
- Improved academic performance
- Fewer mood changes
- Improved physical health
- Reduced amount of time kids are left alone at home
- Reduced tardiness, truancy, and dropout rates

Cons:

- Parent work schedules
- Transportation logistics
- Effects on extra-curricular activities
- Impact on teachers with after-school jobs