

# Comal Independent School District

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### **Secondary schools' 2008-09 start and stop times revised**

The new school year, which begins Aug. 25, will bring a standard start and stop time to all of Comal ISD's secondary schools. All middle and high schools in the district will start school at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:55 p.m. Elementary schools' hours will remain the same, 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The new times at the secondary level will allow a "zero" period to be held at the high schools starting at 7:30 a.m. for students who want to take a class before the actual school day starts. It also will facilitate a more efficient transportation system over the 589 square miles that Comal ISD encompasses.

The time change in the middle and high schools amounts to 10 minutes in the morning and either 10 or 15 minutes in the afternoon. Secondary schools this year started at 8:20 a.m. and either dismissed at 3:40 or 3:45 p.m.

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