

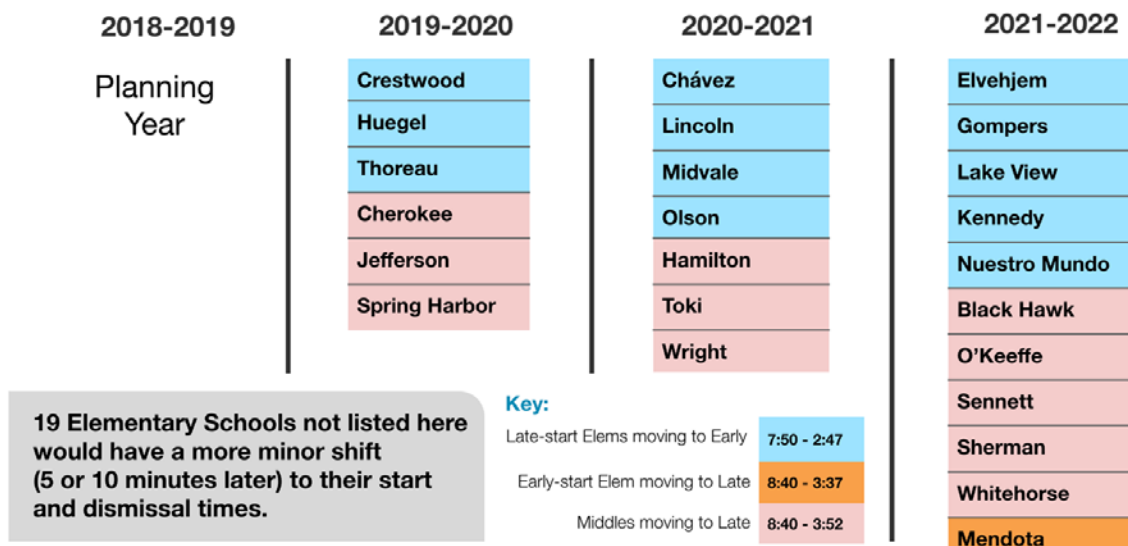


Middle School Transportation—Transitioning from Metro to Yellow Bus

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Over the next three years, the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) will be transitioning towards yellow school buses to provide transportation for middle school students. Currently, MMSD contracts with Metro for both middle school and high school supplemental school day service. The transition is being made to allow later start times at the middle schools, as well as providing the ability for chaperones to ride with the students on the bus. Utilizing yellow buses will also allow MMSD more flexibility to make modifications to the routes when needed.

The chart below shows the transition plan (middle schools are highlighted in a pinkish shade). The first two middle schools that will transition to yellow buses during 2019-2020 are Cherokee and Jefferson (Metro does not currently provide transportation for Spring Harbor).



The following year, Hamilton, Toki and Wright will transition. The final five middle schools will transition during the 2021-2022 school year.

Metro will continue to operate supplemental school day service for the high schools during and after the transitions. Because of the way buses are paired between middle schools and high schools, three buses in the morning and two in the afternoon will be freed up during the first year of the transition. These buses will be used to handle overloads elsewhere in the system. Additional buses will become available during the second and third years, with up to eight buses being available for fixed route service during the peak commute times starting in the fall of 2021.