

Sample Writing Plan for School Start Times Essay

Note: Try to keep your details "short and sweet" - jot dots!
Just write enough so you can remember what you want to say.

Topic Sentence: Should school start times be reversed?	
Big Ideas (Reasons)	Tell Me More (Details)
Too much of a hassle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Some families would need to hire a babysitter and/or pay for childcare○ After school activity times would need to change
High schoolers need a longer afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ might not find jobs with late hours○ They have clubs, sports, more homework○ They will just stay up later and maybe get into more trouble (if they started later)
Morning routines at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ High schoolers are more independent- wake up and get ready on their own○ Parents need to help younger kids-○ Bussers might have to wait in the dark
Conclusion: In conclusion, no change should be made to the school start times.	

Putting your Plan into Effect...

Sample Essay on School Start Times

Should school start times be reversed? In my opinion, the times should remain the same.

One reason why school start times should not be reversed is because it would just be too big of a hassle. For example, some families might have to hire a babysitter or pay for childcare because their kids will be getting home earlier and there may not be anyone to watch them. It would also be a hassle because the time of after school activities would need to be changed.

An additional reason why the start times should not be changed is because high school students really need a longer afternoon. According to the text, many high schoolers have after-school jobs. If they don't get out until 4:00 or later, they may have a hard time finding a job. A longer afternoon is important for high schoolers because they have busier lives- they need that extra time to go to extracurricular activities and to do homework and study.

My third reason why I feel the school start times should be left as they are is because of the effects it would have on morning routines. Highschoolers can handle getting up and getting ready on their own early in the morning, while parents might still be sleeping. With younger kids though, parents need to be up to help in the morning which means parents would have to start getting up earlier, or if they already wake up early, they would lose out on that time they had for themselves. Another point is that elementary bussers would have to wait in the dark at certain times in the year because the bus comes so early. This could mean safety issues for kids and more worrying for adults.

For these reasons and more, no change should be made to the school start times.

Success Criteria (what is my teacher looking for this week?)

- I indented to create 5 separate paragraphs.
- I turned each of my big ideas into a sentence to begin each body paragraph.
- I have at least 2 details (tell-me-mores) for each big idea.
- My body paragraphs are at least 3 sentences long.
- I followed my plan, but tried to stretch out my ideas when I wrote.
- I started with a topic sentence and ended with a conclusion

