

Civil Twilight

This term is not used in any FCPS regulations or policies. It first was discussed when there was consideration of major changes to the existing bell schedules that might include having elementary school students on the first bell and/or on a later last bell such that they might be picked up or dropped off in darkness. Since community members and school safety staff believed it unsafe to have elementary students getting to or from school in the dark, we tried to define the hours that were available during the school year when we could have elementary students starting and ending school. Our research concluded that “civil twilight” was a reasonable definition for this purpose.

This website shown below is for the United States Naval Observatory. This website has an excellent definition of civil twilight and has the actual times by location throughout the United States.

http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.php