Lower Merion School District

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To set the length of the standard school day for the instruction of District students in accordance with state law and Board Policy.

School day for students shall mean the beginning and ending hours for student attendance each day. A school day includes some non-instructional time, such as lunch, recess and passing time. The minimum instructional time required by the School Code for 180 days is 900 hours at the elementary school level and 990 hours at the secondary school level.

A. Effective September 2024, the schools shall normally be in session during the following hours:

Elementary Schools:	9:10 a.m.	to	3:45 p.m.
Middle Schools:	8:00 a.m.	to	2:35 p.m.
High Schools:	8:30 a.m.	to	3:15 p.m.

B. The normal school day may be altered temporarily by the Superintendent when such alteration is in the best interests of the students and the District.

C. The Superintendent may close the schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss schools early for emergency reasons in order to protect the health and safety of students and staff. The Superintendent or their designee shall prepare procedures for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of such an emergency closing, and comply with Board Policy regarding emergency evacuation but shall, in all cases, inform the President of the Board as soon as possible after a decision has been made to alter the school day.

The Superintendent or their designee shall prepare guidelines and procedures that permit students to enter or to leave schools under exceptional conditions so that variances in the normal school day schedule may be accommodated. Such guidelines and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, inclement weather, family illness and other circumstances of an emergency nature.

24 PS § 15-1504
22 Pa. Code § 11.2
22 Pa. Code § 11.3