## SCHOOL HOURS

## These times are in effect for the 2020-2021 school year ONLY.

# Hours of School Operation

### **Elementary Schools**

School	Opening	Closing	Delayed Opening	Early Dismissal
All Others—AM Cohort	9:00AM	11:30AM	No AM in-person learning.	Preplanned early
			Remote learning in	dismissal, no AM in-
			afternoon.	person learning. All
				students work remotely.
				Non-preplanned day
				would dismiss by 10:30
				(ex. weather closure).
Holland Hill—AM Cohort	8:15AM	10:45AM	No AM in-person learning.	Preplanned early
			Remote learning in	dismissal, no AM in-
			afternoon.	person learning. All
				students work remotely.
				Non-preplanned day
				would dismiss by 9:45 (ex.
				weather closure).
All Others—PM Cohort	1:00PM	3:30PM	In-person learning in	No PM in-person learning.
			afternoon. Teacher to	All students work
			communicate if any AM	remotely.
			remote learning.	
Holland Hill—PM Cohort	12:15PM	2:45PM	In-person learning in	No PM in-person learning.
			afternoon. Teacher to	All students work
			communicate if any AM	remotely.
			remote learning.	

#### Middle Schools

School	Opening	Closing	Delayed Opening	Early Dismissal
Fairfield Woods	8:10AM	2:50PM	10:10AM	12:40PM
Roger Ludlowe	8:10AM	2:50PM	10:10AM	12:40PM
Tomlinson	8:10AM	2:50PM	10:10AM	12:40PM

#### High Schools

School	Opening	Closing	Delayed Opening	Early Dismissal
Fairfield Ludlowe	7:30AM	2:10PM	9:30AM	11:45AM
Fairfield Warde	7:30AM	2:10PM	9:30AM	11:45AM
Walter Fitzgerald	7:30AM	2:15PM	10:00AM	12:15AM

#### **Preschools**

School	Opening	Closing	Delayed Opening	Early Dismissal
AM Session	9:10AM	11:45AM	CANCELED	Session canceled
				according to Elementary
				plan.
PM Session	12:45PM	3:15PM	Session canceled	CANCELED in event of
			according to Elementary	Emergency Early
			plan.	Dismissal.

## Close? Delay? Early Dismissal?

The decision to close or delay schools due to inclement weather begins as early as 4:30AM. Student safety is the first priority in any decision to open late or to close. If it appears conditions will be safe with a delayed opening, then schools open 2 hours late and the bus schedule is

adjusted accordingly. Dismissal is at the usual time in the afternoon, even if the opening of school is delayed. In very rare cases, a decision to delay or close is made a day in advance, but with changing weather forecasts, this should not be expected.

The Superintendent of Schools consults with Town officials and neighboring superintendents. The amount of snow, visibility, and road and parking lot clearance are major factors. The Department of Public Works and Police and Fire Departments also weigh in on safety. Still, the decision is not an exact science, and must be made by 5:30AM for both a delayed (2 hour) opening and closure. Notification to parents and the media will follow as soon as possible after that time. Parents should ensure they are set up properly in Infinite Campus to receive school closing, delay, and early dismissal notifications.

It is not always prudent to make early dismissal decisions by 5:30AM. The Superintendent may decide, after classes begin, that an early dismissal is warranted. When this happens, this decision is made by 10:30AM. Notification to parents will follow after that time. Generally, in the event of an early dismissal, afternoon and evening activities are cancelled.