



GEORGE M. SHIRAKAWA, SR. ELEMENTARY



FAMILY QUICK REFERENCE • 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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2026–2027 DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

School opens at 7:15 AM for morning drop-off. Students may choose Breakfast (7:30–7:55 AM) or Brunch during AM Recess.



Morning Dive starts at 7:45 AM — all students are expected to participate in morning announcements and affirmations to start the day off right!

Grade	Start	AM Recess / Brunch	Lunch	PM Recess	Dismissal M/T/W/F	Dismissal Thu
TK	8:00 AM	9:00–9:15	10:20–11:00	11:00–11:15	12:15 PM	12:15 PM
Kinder	8:00 AM	9:15–9:30	11:00–11:40	—	1:15 PM	1:15 PM
1, 2 & 3	8:00 AM	9:30–9:45	11:00–11:40	1:00–1:15*	2:15 PM	1:15 PM
4, 5 & 6	8:00 AM	9:50–10:05	11:30–12:10	1:00–1:15*	2:15 PM	1:15 PM
PK AM Session	8:30 AM	9:30 (Snack)	—	—	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
PK PM Session	11:45 AM	12:30 (Snack)	—	—	2:15 PM	2:15 PM

TK Breakfast: 8:00–8:25 AM. *No PM recess on Thursdays for Grades 1–6.



Early Release days follow the Thursday dismissal schedule: TK 12:15 PM • Kinder & Grades 1–6 1:15 PM.



Rainy Day Lunch Schedule

TK & Kinder	1, 2 & 3	4, 5 & 6
10:30–10:45	11:00–11:30	11:40–12:10



KEY 2026–2027 DATES

Date	Event	Date	Event
Mon, Aug 10, 2026	First Day of School	Feb 15–16, 2027	Presidents' Days — No School
Mon, Sep 7, 2026	Labor Day — No School	Mar 17–19, 2027	Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Release)
Wed, Nov 11, 2026	Veterans Day — No School	Apr 5–9, 2027	Spring Break — No School (return Mon, Apr 12)
Nov 16–20, 2026	Parent-Teacher Conferences & Book Fair (Early Release)	Mon, May 31, 2027	Memorial Day — No School
Nov 25–27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break — No School	Fri, Jun 18, 2027	Juneteenth — No School
Dec 21, 2026 – Jan 8, 2027	Winter Break — No School (return Mon, Jan 11)	Fri, Jun 11, 2027	Last Day of School
Mon, Jan 18, 2027	MLK Day — No School		



ATTENDANCE & TARDY POLICY

Consistent attendance is one of the most critical factors in student success. Students not in their seats by 8:00 AM are marked late.



Sick or absent? Call the school secretary as soon as possible: (408) 938-3210.



Vacation, family emergency, or out of town 2+ days? Let the secretary know in advance — we can set up Independent Study so your child keeps learning and their attendance record stays protected.



What counts as chronic absenteeism? Missing 10% or more of the school year — about 2 days a month — is considered chronically absent, whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Even a few missed days each month can add up fast.

Tier 1: Prevention / Early Intervention	Tier 2: Early Intervention	Tier 3: Intensive Support
0–3 absences: teacher and/or secretary contacts family. At 5 absences (excused or unexcused), the school reviews attendance with the family.	Missing 10–19% of school (about 2–3 days/month) or 6+ unexcused absences: admin & social worker outreach; attendance improvement plan; possible home visit	Missing 20%+ of school or 9+ unexcused absences: school-linked services referral, district staff outreach, home visit



DRESS CODE POLICY

As part of FMSD's common dress policy, Shirakawa follows the guidelines below. Students who still fit last year's uniforms may continue wearing them during the transition.

Category	Guidelines
Bottoms	Black, gray, or denim. Properly fitted (no baggy/sagging). Shorts no more than 3" above the knee.
Tops & Outerwear	Solid black, white, or gray (school/college logos OK). T-shirts, dress shirts, or polos. No red or blue; no inappropriate images/language.
Shoes	Closed-toe shoes only — safe for classroom, recess, and PE.
Accessories	Modest jewelry only. Hats/headgear outdoors only (religious/medical exceptions). Leggings only under skirts/jumpers. Socks/tights/leggings in black, white, or gray.
Not Appropriate	Visible undergarments; tank tops/spaghetti straps; drug, alcohol, or gang-related imagery; anything creating a hostile or unsafe environment.



Visitor & Volunteer Policy

- Closed campus — all visitors must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor sticker.
- General visits: request at least 1 week in advance.
- Volunteers & field trip chaperones: must clear at least 2 weeks in advance.



Emergency Preparedness

- Fire Drill — monthly; students evacuate and line up in designated areas.
- Earthquake Drill — 4x/year; duck, cover, and hold, then evacuate when safe.
- Lockdown Drill — twice a year; students practice responding to a threat on or near campus.



Cell Phones & Restricted Items

- Cell phones must be turned off and put away during the school day.
- No toys or trading cards — they distract from learning and are targets for theft.
- No gum, candy, soda, or energy drinks/coffee on campus.



Zero Tolerance



Zero tolerance for bullying or harassment, in person or online.



No weapons, sharp objects, or dangerous items.



No possession, use, or sale of controlled substances.



No assault or harassment of another student.



COMMUNICATION & CONTACT

 ParentSquare	 Website	 Front Office Hours
  Scan to join, or download the app & find our school	shirakawa.fmsd.org for current school info	7:30 AM – 3:15 PM, Monday–Friday
 Instagram	 FMSD Transportation	 CORAL (Ms. Yomaira)
Follow @ShirakawaSharks	(408) 283-6080	(669) 235-7412