

Middle School After-Dismissal FAQ

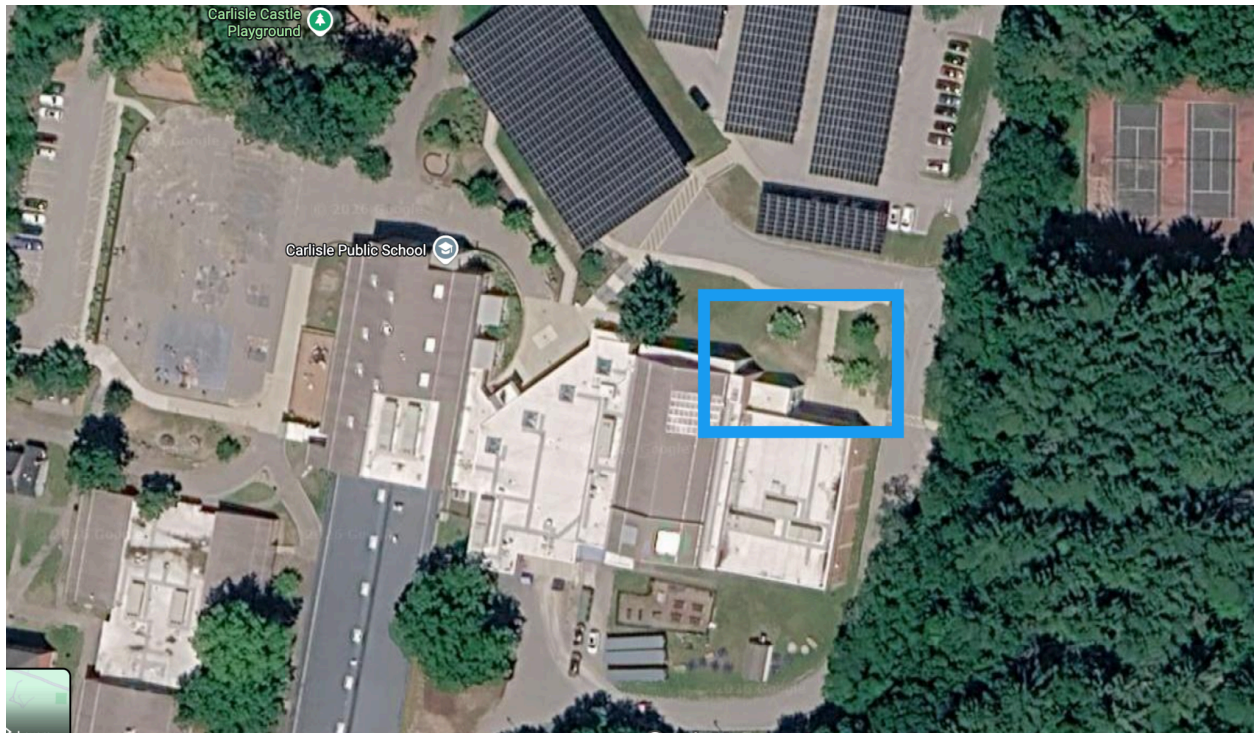
1. What time does middle school get out?

Middle school is dismissed at 2:22 p.m. Elementary school is still in session until 3:05 p.m. and uses the plaza and surrounding areas for dismissal until 3:15 p.m.

2. Where can I go after school?

If you're staying on campus after 2:22, you have three choices:

- **Homework Club:** Supervised. Runs from dismissal until 3:05 p.m.
- **Spalding Field:** Supervised. Only for students doing cross country or field hockey. Supervision starts at 2:22 p.m.
- **The grassy area by the gym doors:** Unsupervised. Open to middle schoolers. It has picnic tables, a concrete area for ball games, and grass to sit or play on. It's right next to the main parking lot, so pickup is easy.



3. Is the grassy area by the gym doors supervised?

No. It's an unsupervised space to hang out, play, and socialize while waiting for the plaza and playground to open up, or to wait for your ride home. Please respect the space and the people around you. If there are behavior problems with a particular student, it could mean losing the privilege of using it.

4. What is the name of this approved space?

We don't have a name yet. We'd love for the students to provide suggestions to help come up with a name!

5. It would be nice to have Four Square or Nine Square in that area. Is that being added?

We agree! There are plans to add Four Square, Nine Square, or both. The school will take a look and determine what is appropriate for that space.

6. Can I go back into school to use the restroom?

Yes, however, it's still best to use the restroom before you leave for the day.

7. What if my ride is late?

You can use the grassy or paved area outside the gym, which includes multiple picnic tables. If you don't want to wait in the approved area outside by the gym, you can wait by the main entrance of the school. If you need to call a parent, you can go to the main office.

8. Is there an indoor space besides the Homework Club on rainy days?

No. There are no designated indoor gathering spaces. Like in past years, Homework Club is the only consistent indoor option at the school after dismissal. Periodically, other clubs are available within the building.

9. When can I use the plaza and playground?

At 3:15 p.m., the plaza, playground, and outdoor classroom open to the general public, including middle schoolers and other students. Prior to 3:15, those spaces are for elementary students who are still in school and/or school dismissal process.

10. Why can't I use the plaza and playground right at 2:22?

Our campus serves students ages 3 to 15. When middle school gets out, pre-school and elementary students are still in class and use the plaza, playground, and outdoor classroom for activities and dismissal. Keeping those spaces clear until 3:15 helps our youngest students stay safe and get home smoothly.

11. Is this a new rule?

No. It's been the rule for many years and is covered in the student handbook. It just hasn't always been enforced the same way. And with some off-campus options like Ferns and Gleason

Library closed, there are fewer options for middle schoolers. The new part is the grassy area and hard top area by the gym, which collectively is now set aside for middle schoolers.

12. Where else can I go off campus?

Lots of students go to the Town Common (across from FRS), Banta Davis (accessible without crossing any streets), Center Park (across from the police station), the lawn at Gleason Library (accessible via the path across Church street), or Kimball's (while it's open for the season).

13. What if I have questions?

Talk to Mr. Crozier, Dr. Bookis, or Dr. Sidell. Your teachers can also help you get answers.