



# SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education -14 Beekman Terrace- Summit - New Jersey 07901-1702 (908) 273-3023

Mr. Scott Hough, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Summit Public Schools Community,

As we look ahead to the winter months, I would like to take this opportunity to share how the District makes weather-related or emergency decisions to alter the school day or close schools for the safety of our students and staff.

The District's weather-related decision-making process includes evaluating weather forecasts for New Jersey, the City of Summit, and neighboring school districts. Our main priority is always the safety of our students and staff. We strive to make informed decisions and notify families as early as possible. However, as weather can be unpredictable, we cannot always make these decisions as early as we would hope. Please know that when we anticipate inclement weather, every effort will be made to provide updates in a timely manner as changes develop.

Please be aware that unlike last year, the New Jersey Department of Education is not allowing districts to use remote learning days during school closures, delays, or early dismissals, with the following exceptions:

*"Where a district is required to close the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive and/or recommendation by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure, days of virtual or remote instruction commensurate with in-person instruction will count towards the district's 180-day requirement." - [The Road Forward](#).*

## Delayed Opening

**Half Day Pre-K:** Please note that in the event of a delayed opening, the AM preschool classes will be cancelled. The PM preschool classes will follow a regular schedule.

**Full Day Pre-K:** The preschoolers in the full day program at Wilson Primary Center will come in at 10:15am and dismiss at 3:00pm (Monday -Thursday only). If a delayed opening occurs on a Friday, classes will be cancelled.

**Kindergarten** 10:15am - 3:15pm (Drop-off 10:00am - 10:10am\*; Pick-up 3:15pm)

**Elementary School** 10:15am - 3:00pm

**Middle School** 9:55am - 2:45pm

**High School** 9:45am - 2:49pm

If you have a kindergarten and elementary student, please drop off your Kindergarten student at 10:00am and proceed to the elementary school for the 10:15am drop-off.



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## Early Dismissal

**Pre-School (AM)** 11:30am dismissal; No PM pre-school

**Pre-School (Full Day)** 11:30am dismissal

**Kindergarten** 12:00pm dismissal

**Elementary School** 12:30pm dismissal

**Middle School** 12:15pm dismissal

**High School** 12:06pm dismissal

## School Closing

If the District is closed for one day due to weather or another emergency, one day will be added at the end of the school year. For example, we closed all schools on September 2, 2021 due to widespread flooding from Hurricane Ida. Therefore, our last day of school for students changes from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>.

You can always find our school times posted on the District [website](#). Members of the Summit community can expect to receive weather-related or emergency alerts through our emergency notification system, School Messenger. They will also be posted on our website and social media platforms.

Be well,

Scott D. Hough  
Superintendent of Schools