

Frequently Asked Questions

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What are school starting and dismissal times?

School day schedule:

7:25 – Tardy Bell

2:20 – Last wave of dismissal (parent pickup, walkers, and others)

How do I know when school has been canceled?

The decision to cancel school will be made and announced no later than 6:30 am. Notification will be made via the Alert Now system to the home telephone and/or cell phone numbers. Announcements will also be made on the television station WMURTV, Channel 9 and on the following radio stations: FM 95.7-WZID, FM 101-WGIR; AM 610-WGIR, AM 1370-WFEA, and AM 1030-WBZ.

If school is going to be delayed, how will I know?

Merrimack schools observe a two hour delay. A delayed opening will mean that all bus transportation will be delayed two hours and that the opening of school on that day will also be delayed by two hours. There will be no morning kindergarten or morning preschool when there is a delayed opening. Delays will be made on the television station WMURTV, Channel 9 and on the following radio stations: FM 95.7WZID, FM 101-WGIR; AM 610-WGIR, AM 1370-WFEA, and AM 1030-WBZ.

What should I do if my child is going to be late?

Your child will be considered tardy if he/she is not in their classroom at 7:30 am. You may call the main office on the way in to notify that your student will be late. Please drop the student off by the main entrance and ask them to go to the main office where they will sign in and receive a pass to their class.

If my child is sick and needs to be picked up, what should I do?

You must first go to the school office and they will then direct you to the nurse's office. At the nurse's office you will need to show proper ID to sign out your child.

If I want my child to be dismissed early what should I do?

Write a note and ask your student to bring it to the main office. Please be sure to include the student's name, reason for dismissal, time of dismissal and signature of parent. If someone other than a parent is going to pick up your child, please include their full name in your note. A parent/guardian must report to

the office to pick up the child bringing in the proper ID to sign out your child.

What should I do when I want to pick up my child at afternoon dismissal?

Once the second wave of buses has moved from Madeline Bennett Lane, please proceed up to the front of the school building. Upon the departure of the second wave, walkers and riders will be dismissed and student can then meet you at your car in front of the facility.

How do I get my child's homework when he/she has been absent?

You may request homework assignments after every two consecutive days of absence from school. You may request additional assignments following the completion of previously assigned work. Please call 424-6218 prior to 9:00 am to make the request. Parents may pick up the student's assignments between 3:00 and 3:30 pm.

If my child does not take the bus, where should I drop off my child?

Please see the information on about traffic procedures by clicking [HERE](#).

Are all doors locked at the Merrimack Middle School?

All doors will be locked during the school day. The front entrance will be monitored throughout the day during business hours by our Administrative Assistants. To gain entry, all visitors will be asked about the nature of their visit. Upon entrance visitors are asked to report to the main office to sign in. Please also sign out when you leave the building. All visitors are required to sign in and out at MMS.

How often are report cards and progress reports sent home?

Report cards are issued quarterly throughout the year. Typically the report cards are issued two weeks after the close of the quarter. Parents must sign the envelope and return it to the homeroom teacher within three days.

Who should I contact when I have a question?

Parents should first contact the classroom teacher to clarify questions. If they still have questions, they should contact the assistant principal and finally the principal.