



Our vision is to connect, engage, and inspire every student to reach academic excellence. The educators of the Ayer Shirley Regional School District will instill habits of reflection and inquiry that challenge our students to set ambitious academic and personal goals. Students will develop a strong voice to express thoughts and ideas in the community, the confidence to showcase their talents, and academic and personal successes in preparation for entry into college and the world of work.

Memorandum

To: ASRSD Community
From: Dr. Malone, Superintendent
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020
Subject: Updated 2020-2021 ASRSD School Closing/Delayed Openings/Early Dismissal Procedures

Please be informed that on days of inclement weather (snow day), and we must pivot to a remote day for this school year only, we will follow the Wednesday remote schedule for all students.

For example, a snow call is made on a Tuesday morning and the call indicates due to the inclement weather, today will be a remote day. All students, Preschool through Grade 12, will follow the remote Wednesday early release schedule.

Thank you for patience in this matter. If you have any questions, please email, Michelle Towne at mtowne@asrsd.org.

VERY IMPORTANT- CHANGE TO SNOW DAYS FOR 2020-2021 ONLY

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS INFORMED SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR ONLY, BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, IF THERE ARE DAYS SCHOOLS MUST CLOSE BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, SNOW DAYS WILL BE REMOTE LEARNING DAYS. WE WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE UP SNOW DAYS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS, IF WE EXPERIENCE POWER OUTAGES AND CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN REMOTE LEARNING, THE DAY WILL BE DECLARED A NO SCHOOL DAY AND WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE IT UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

The following procedures will be followed for a school closing/school delay/early dismissal:

1. A decision on a remote learning day, a no school day due to a power outage, or a school delay/early dismissal will be made as early as possible, preferably between 5:00-5:30am.
2. Please note that a delay may be for one hour or two hours.
3. Families will receive a voice call and email through BlackBoard Connect.
4. A school closing or delay will be announced on Channels 4, 5, 7, NECN, and Fox 25.
5. The no school/delay announcement will be posted on Facebook, the District Website www.asrsd.org, and tweeted @marymalone7.

Delayed Opening School Start Times:

School	1 Hour Delay	2 Hour Delay
High School	8:50	9:50
Middle School	8:50	9:50
Page Hilltop	9:45	10:45
Lura A. White	9:45	10:45

Early Dismissal:

It may become necessary to close schools early due to an emergency. In the event of an early or emergency dismissal, all after school and evening activities will be cancelled. In the event of an early or emergency dismissal, it is the responsibility of the parent to have a plan for parent pickup and/or childcare for their child.

Other Important Reminders:

- The Ayer Childcare Program & Shirley extended day will both be closed when the schools are closed.
- Pre-school sessions are cancelled in the event of a delayed opening.