



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear SAU 21 Parents and Guardians:

I hope that you and your children are having a terrific school year. As our weather turns colder, we want to prepare you for possible changes to the school schedule/calendar that may occur as a result of our sometimes unpredictable New England weather. Please review the information below so that you will understand the various changes that we may make to the schedule, as well as where you can best receive the most up-to-date and accurate information.

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At this time, our intention is to utilize old-fashioned snow days in the case of school cancellations due to inclement weather--at least through the beginning of the winter. It seems like in this year of all years, everyone is ready for some days off. If we have a busy storm season and it begins to appear that the school year will be extended beyond the make-up days already built into our SAU calendar, we will look at implementing some remote instruction days in lieu of traditional snow days.

Changes to the Schedule

School Cancellation. In situations where student safety may be jeopardized for an extended period of time, school will be canceled for the entire day. Remember, parents/guardians always have the right to use their better judgment to keep their children home when we have school on bad weather days, based on conditions in your particular location.

Delayed Openings. In other situations, school opening may be delayed by two hours (thereby allowing time for early morning snow removal and ice control to occur and/or weather to improve). If there is a two hour delay:

- **Preschool.** Morning preschool in all districts will be canceled. Afternoon preschool will be held. Afternoon preschool buses will operate on a normal day schedule.
- **Kindergarten.** Kindergarten will operate on the two hour delay schedule used for other grades at each district's school.
- All other students should be at bus stops two hours later than normal. Walkers and students being driven to school should arrive at school two hours after their normal time.
- Hot lunches will be served in all schools having school lunch programs.

Early Dismissal. On very rare occasions it may be necessary to dismiss school early. This decision will normally be made the night before the school day on which it will occur except in the case of an emergency. If there is an early dismissal:

- There will be no afternoon preschool.
- All after-school activities and after care programs will be canceled.
- The following dismissal schedule will be utilized: Hampton Falls (11:30 a.m. dismissal); North Hampton (12:15 p.m. dismissal); Seabrook Elementary and

Serving the communities of:

Hampton Falls

North Hampton

Seabrook

South Hampton

Winnacunnet High School

Middle (12:00 p.m. dismissal); South Hampton (11:55 a.m. dismissal); and Winnacunnet (11:56 a.m. dismissal).

- Parents, particularly those of younger children, should make arrangements in advance for the care of your children in the event of an early school closing.

Schedule Change Announcements

Notifications of closings or schedule changes will be sent to all families and employees via the SchoolMessenger system. The best source for the most up-to-date information regarding school closings and schedule changes is available on Twitter at @nhsau21. In addition, announcements will be posted on the SAU and individual school websites:

SAU #21	https://www.sau21.org/sau/
Hampton Falls	https://www.sau21.org/las/
North Hampton	https://www.northhamptonschool.org/
Seabrook Elementary	https://www.elementary.seabrooksd.org/
Seabrook Middle	https://www.middle.seabrooksd.org/
South Hampton	https://www.sau21.org/barnard/
Winnacunnet	https://www.winnacunnet.org/

Notifications will be sent to all families and employees via the SchoolMessenger system. We will also post information related to school cancellations, delayed openings, and early dismissals to the following television stations:

<u>Television:</u>	WBZ	Channel 4	Boston
	NECN	Channel 6	Boston
	WHDH	Channel 7	Boston
	WMUR	Channel 9	Manchester

Two other important notes:

- Do not call your local fire or police department(s) or the school bus company to find out if school is canceled or a delayed opening is in effect. Their lines must be kept open for emergencies.
- It is important that you not drop your child or children off at school at the regular hour if school is canceled or a delayed opening is in effect. There will not be anyone present at the school to provide supervision.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with these important weather related issues. Please feel free to call our offices at 603.926.8992 if you have questions about anything explained in this letter.

My best to you and your family during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

Meredith

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