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CLARK MILLS SCHOOL DELAYED OPENING INFORMATION FOR 20-21

In the event a 90-minute delayed opening needs to be called for our school due to inclement weather, please be aware of the following information:

For Students in Grades 1-5

The official student start time for CM is 8:10 AM. On a delayed opening, adding 90-minutes makes the official start time for CM, 9:40 AM and students would attend school in-person if it is their assigned hybrid day or if they are an "every day" in-person student,

Due to COVID parameters in place this year, student drop-off is permitted as early as 8:00 AM. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, students can be dropped off by parents/guardians as early as 9:30 AM once staff are outside to assist with drop-off.

Currently, our students in grades 1-5 students are operating on a 4-hour in-person schedule which ends at 12:10 PM on a typical school day this year. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, the student day will end 90-minutes after the 12:10 PM time which is 1:40 PM.

Parent pickup for students in grades 1-5 is normally at 12:00 PM. On a 90-minute delayed opening day, parent pickup is at 1:35 PM. Please do not arrive before 1:30 PM.

How is busing impacted?

Add 90-minutes to your child's regular drop-off and pick-up time, but please also remember that the weather and conditions of the road may impact this time. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Please remember that the end of the school day is later than usual on a 90-minute delayed opening schedule, so please ensure you have made arrangements, such as for childcare, for such. Having a backup plan just in case is always recommended. Remember: **STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-5 WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THEIR REGULAR BUS STOPS WHETHER OR NOT AN ADULT IS PRESENT.**



What if my child is in a Before-the-School Day program?

Beyond (Before) the School Day Math and ELA Groups: In the event of a *delayed opening*, our Beyond-the-School Day ELA and Mathematics programs will still occur. Student drop off (when there is a delayed opening) for these academic support groups is 90 minutes after the original start time.

- For example, if the group is scheduled for drop-off at 7:25 AM, you would drop your child off at 8:55 AM.
- If the group is scheduled for 8:00AM, you would drop your child off at 9:30AM.
- Your child’s “Beyond the School Day” teacher will send you specific information pertaining to that class.

Will there be the 80-minute afternoon virtual session for children in grades 1-5?

On a 90-minute delayed opening day, there will be no 80-minute afternoon virtual instruction after the in-person day ends.

How can I find out if we are on a 90-minute delayed opening schedule?

Information regarding such is shared through various ways, which can include the following:

District Web Site: www.mersnj.us

District Facebook Site: www.facebook.com/MERSDistrict/

Television Stations: NEWS 12 NEW JERSEY, Channels 4, 5 & 7

District All Call/Emergency Phone Call Notification System: Parents will be notified about school closings through our District’s Emergency Phone Call Notification System. Messages will be left for all parents on the phone numbers provided in Genesis. . Please ensure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date in Genesis.