

2-Hour Late Start days in the Somerville Public Schools

Under what conditions would we call a Late Start Day? Weather forecasts and weather patterns can be unpredictable. We will use our best judgment based on frequent review of NOAA weather predictions to determine whether conditions are expected to significantly improve throughout the day, making a late start a viable and safe option.

When and how will we notify parents/guardians of a Late Start Day? As with Snow Days and other full-day cancellations due to weather conditions, we will do our best to notify parents and guardians of a Late Start Day by 7:00pm the night before, although we cannot guarantee that we will always have the necessary information to comfortably make a decision by that time. As we noted earlier, weather patterns can be unpredictable and our primary concern is safety.

Parents/guardians and staff members will be notified of a late start via telephone call and email. Late Start Day notices will also be posted on our website (www.somerville.k12.ma.us), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SomervillePublicSchools), and on Twitter - @svilleschools (www.twitter.com/svilleschools).

What time would school start on Late Start days? There would be a 2-hour delayed start from the normally scheduled start time at your school or for your program.

Will breakfast be served? If so, what time? A cold breakfast consisting of cold cereal, milk, and fruit will be made available at every school between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. for those students who are unable to enjoy a healthy breakfast at home prior to arriving at school. Please do not drop off or allow your students to walk to school prior to 9:30 as schools will not be open until then.

How will the bus schedule be impacted? The bus schedule will be adjusted by 2 hours. All pick-up and drop-off locations will remain the same.

Will lunch be served? If so, what time? Yes. Lunch will consist of pizza and sandwiches. Each school will have a modified schedule for Late Start days.

How will the academic schedule be impacted? School principals have developed a Late Start schedule that has been shared with staff.

Will afterschool programming be offered as normal during Late Start days? Yes. Afterschool programs and activities will occur as scheduled, unless you are notified otherwise the day of. Off-site athletic or other program travel will depend upon the hosting site's schedule that day.

Would we have to make up any time at the end of the school year because of the late start? No. A Late Start Day will count toward the required 180 days of instruction.