

# Shaler Area Middle School

## Flexible Instructional Day

Again, this school year, Shaler Area will utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FID) in place of unexpected, emergency school closures to eliminate the need to make-up that day.

Below are the procedures and notifications in place for inclement weather for SAMS:

- The decision to delay or cancel school will be made and communicated whenever possible before 6 a.m. and if possible, the night before. However, there are occasions that changing road and weather conditions will necessitate a later decision.
- Families should call the district's main phone number, 412-492-1200, **as the primary source for information**. The district's phone message will be updated to reflect any changes in the district's schedule, such as a delay or cancellation. Shaler Area School District website, [www.sasd.k12.pa.us](http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us), also is used to communicate important information such as delays and closings, as well as the district's social media.
- Families also can choose to receive texts and/or emails through the [www.sasd.k12.pa.us](http://www.sasd.k12.pa.us) website by signing up for the **"Email Newsletter"** on the main webpage, adding a cell phone number and/or email address and choosing "school closings."
- In addition to the main phone number and website, Shaler Area notifies three local news stations: **KDKA, WPXI, WTAE**. Please note that the school district does not control how quickly the information is updated on-air. You may consider signing up for the electronic alerts through the respective television stations.
- **Early Dismissal Plans:** In the event that Shaler Area would need to dismiss school early, please make sure your family has appropriate childcare arrangements and/or dismissal plans in place. It also is important to be sure that your emergency contact information is current. If the contact information needs to be updated, please log in to Infinite Campus to make any necessary changes or contact your student's school.

**Flexible Instructional Days (FID):** Shaler Area will continue to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FID) in place of unexpected, emergency school closures to eliminate the need to make-up that day. Specifically, Shaler Area will use these days in place of cancellations for inclement weather for the 2022-2023 school year.

In the event that the district needs to cancel in-person instruction, all students will participate in remote instruction through their district-issued device.

- The transition to a Flexible Instruction Day **will be announced on the district website**.

- Flexible Instruction Days will operate on a **one-hour delay schedule** to provide students and staff the opportunity to transition to remote instruction. The schedule for FID days is below.

**Logging in during a Flexible Instruction Day:**

- All students must log into Homeroom for daily attendance at 8:40am and **show their face on camera** – Your teachers will inform you of the Zoom link to log in
- Each period - students will use Zoom to participate in synchronous instruction.
  - Teachers will provide the link to join
- Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to post additional announcements and materials
- All classes will require synchronous instruction (in real-time, with live instruction).
- All teachers will take attendance, and there will be minimum requirements for instructional minutes.
- Students who are not present during FID remote instruction will be marked with an **unexcused absence** unless a note is provided by a parent/guardian—following the same absence procedure as a typical school day. Technical difficulties or connectivity issues should always be reported to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

## Flexible Instructional Day Schedule

<b>Student Start Time</b>	<b>8:40 AM</b>	
Homeroom	8:40 AM	8:48 AM
Period 1	8:50 AM	9:23 AM
Period 2	9:26 AM	9:59 AM
Period 3	10:02 AM	10:35 AM
Period 4	10:38 AM	11:11 AM
Period 5	11:14 AM	11:47 AM
Period 6	11:50 AM	12:23 PM
Period 7	12:26 PM	12:59 PM
Period 8	1:02 PM	1:35 PM
Period 9 + Announcements	1:38 PM	2:14 PM
Period 10	2:17 PM	2:50 PM
<b>Student Dismissal</b>	<b>2:50 PM</b>	