

Shaler Area Middle School Closing & Delay Information

The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance to us, and the District takes the decision to delay or cancel classes very seriously.

Delays and cancellations may occur due to winter weather events or other unexpected reasons, such as a water main break, power outage, or other significant event.



CLOSING AND DELAY INFORMATION

Please read the information, which is posted on the District website, regarding procedures and notifications for school closures and delays: <https://www.sasd.k12.pa.us/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6IYGUUI&dasi=4G0B2>

SCHOOL CLOSURE – FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY

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.

- If the district needs to cancel in-person instruction, students will **participate in remote instruction** using their District-issued iPad.
- During Flexible Instruction Days, SAMS will operate on a **one-hour delay schedule** to provide students and staff the opportunity to transition to remote instruction:

SAMS Flexible Instructional Day Schedule

Student Start Time	8:40 AM	
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
Student Dismissal	2:50 PM	

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- **Logging in during a Flexible Instruction Day:**
 - All classes will be **in real-time with live instruction** (synchronous instruction)
 - **Google Meet links** will be posted on each period's Google Classroom page – Students will join each class through the links
 - Teachers will take attendance
 - Students must be in attendance for the entire period
 - Students who are not present during FID remote instruction will be marked with an **unexcused absence**
 - Parents should submit an excuse to the attendance office following the same absence procedure as a typical school day:
 - See the [SAMS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook](#) on the website for information and procedures regarding attendance
 - Technical difficulties or connectivity issues should always be reported to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.
 - All students **must log into Homeroom for daily attendance at 8:40am** and show their face on camera - Teachers will provide the link to join
 - Teachers will utilize **Google Classroom** to post additional announcements and materials

TWO-HOUR DELAY

- In the event of a 2-Hour Delay, SAMS will follow this schedule:

2-Hour Delay Schedule

Student Start Time	9:40 AM	
Homeroom	9:40 AM	9:52 AM
Period 1	9:54 AM	10:19 AM
Period 2	10:22 AM	10:47 AM
Period 3	10:50 AM	11:15 AM
Period 4	11:18 AM	11:43 AM
7 th Gr Period 5 - Lunch	11:46 AM	12:19 PM
7 th Gr Period 6	12:22 PM	12:57 PM
8 th Gr Period 5	11:46 AM	12:21 PM
8 th Gr Period 6 - Lunch	12:24 PM	12:57 PM
Period 7	1:00 PM	1:25 PM
Period 8	1:28 PM	1:53 PM
Period 9 +		
Announcements	1:56 PM	2:22 PM
Period 10	2:25 PM	2:50 PM
Student Dismissal	2:50 PM	

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- There are occasions that changing road/weather conditions will necessitate a change from a 2-hour delay to cancellation. If this occurs, please follow the instructions provided by the District and check the SAMS website for any additional updates
- Reminder: Based on road conditions, students should be prepared for the potential of additional delays while waiting for the bus. *Students should dress appropriately for the weather.*

EARLY DISMISSAL

- If Shaler Area would need to **dismiss school early due to weather conditions or another unanticipated event**, 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.