



November 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians the SPARK Academy,

Please be aware, Lawrence Public Schools is preparing for weather emergencies. In an effort to safeguard our students and staff, LPS will be implementing two weather-related policies:

2-Hour Delayed Opening for Students

Early Dismissal for Students

If the Superintendent implements either of these policies, staff and students will be notified by:

local media outlets (TV and radio), Connect Ed message to your home, and the LPS website: ([www.lawrence.k12.ma.us](http://www.lawrence.k12.ma.us))

### **2-Hour Delayed Opening for Students**

- On days that are called as: **2-Hour delayed opening for students**, the SPARK Academy will begin school at 9:50 AM, with breakfast starting at 9:20 AM.
- For safety reasons, no children should be left at school prior to the 9:20 AM opening.
- Special Education Students who are transported by Lawrence Public Schools buses will be picked up two hours later than they are picked up on regular school days. (Example; *If your child is picked up at 7:00 AM, he/she will be picked up at 9:00 AM.*)
- Parents are responsible to make arrangements for children who are transported by private/daycare buses.
- During the normal school day hours, ALL Off-site school based enrichment programs, field trips included, will be cancelled.
- Lawrence Public Schools will follow the regular dismissal schedule. After school programs will follow as scheduled.

### **Early Dismissal for Students**

- On days that are called as: **Early dismissal for students**, all afternoon activities and off-site enrichment programs are cancelled.
- All students at the SPARK Academy will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.
- Special Education Students who are transported by Lawrence Public Schools buses will be dismissed for the 11:30 AM run. Parents must be home beginning at 11:30 AM for their arrival or pick-up of walkers.
- Parents are responsible to make arrangements for children who are transported by private/daycare buses.

Please contact your school principal with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Paris  
Superintendent

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during weather-related changes to your child's school schedule.**



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Dear Staff,

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### **2-Hour Delayed Opening for Staff**

- On days that are called as: **2-Hour delayed opening for students**, Staff will be responsible to **report 90 Minutes later than normal start time**.
- During normal school hours, ALL off-site school based enrichment programs, including field trips, will be cancelled.
- Lawrence Public Schools will follow the regular dismissal schedule. After school programs will follow as scheduled.

### **Early Dismissal for Staff**

- On days that are called as: **Early dismissal for students**, ALL afternoon activities and ALL off-site school based enrichment programs, including field trips, are cancelled.
- All staff will be released at the discretion of the Principal or a maximum of 30 MINUTES from student dismissal.

On the back side of this letter is the students procedures which was sent home. Please contact your school principal with any questions or concerns.

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Cynthia Paris  
Superintendent

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