



Rose M. Lopez Elementary School

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Dear Rose M. Lopez School Families,

As you are aware from recent district communication from Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, we are pleased to confirm that on **Monday, October 26, 2020**, the new K-4 schedule will commence. This was a monumental task that required careful planning and preparation in a concerted effort to maintain the integrity of instruction, the developmental and social/emotional needs of elementary school students, parental requests, and contractual obligations.

This new schedule allows for a robust opportunity for students to participate in small group instruction, group counseling and enrichment sessions. The schedule provides additional opportunities for students to interact with counselors and connect with their teachers.

I want to take the opportunity to share some of the most important points regarding the new schedule:

- Targeted, small group instruction will be embedded in the daily schedule.
- On a rotating basis small groups or individual students will receive targeted core instruction by their homeroom teacher during Music, Art, Technology, and Media.
- On a rotating basis, teachers of Music, Art, Physical Education/Health, Technology, and Media will be partnered with identified classroom teachers to provide literacy infused enrichment through their content specialty.
- During the abbreviated day staff has been provided with additional planning time to focus on developing lessons for group and/or individualized instruction.
- During period 9 (Monday - Thursday) academic support will be provided to students.
- During period 10 (Monday - Thursday) enrichment support will be provided to students.

Please find below a sample tentative **Abbreviated Day Schedule** followed by a Q&A section regarding the schedule.

PERIOD	TIME	MINUTES
Staff Arrival	8:25 a.m.	10
Student Arrival	8:35 a.m.	N/A
AM HR Responsive Classroom/Morning Meeting	8:35 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	10
1	8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	30
2	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	30
3	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	30
4	10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	30
5	10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	30
Lunch	11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	45
6	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	30
7	12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	30
8	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	30
Student Dismissal	1:30 p.m.	



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Q&A: Abbreviated Day Schedule

What time does the school day begin?

There has been no change to the start of the school day. Students are expected to sign-on by 8:35 a.m. each day.

When will my child eat lunch?

All students will have their lunch period, every day, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

What time is my child dismissed each day?

Unless you have opted to participate in the extended day program, students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

What if I have changed my mind and want to enroll my child in the extended day schedule?

Please note that changes of schedule between the abbreviated day and the extended day will only be possible at the end of each marking period.

Below is a tentative sample **Extended School Day Schedule** followed by a Q&A section regarding the schedule.

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Math Reading Writing	Math Reading Writing	Math Reading Writing	Math Reading Writing	<i>No Extended School Day</i>
10	2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	

Q&A: Extended Day Schedule

What time does the school day begin?

There has been no change to the start of the school day. Students are expected to sign-on by 8:35 a.m. each day.

When will my child eat lunch?

All students will have their lunch period, every day, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

What time is my child dismissed from the extended day each day?

Students will be dismissed according to the schedule below:

- Monday - Thursday: 3:00 p.m.
- Friday: 1:30 p.m.



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What will my child be doing from 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., Monday - Thursday?

Students who will be staying for the extended school day will work with a grade level teacher, Monday - Thursday, on additional instruction in the areas of reading, writing, or mathematics. As indicated during the previous district correspondence, this instruction may not be from your child's regular classroom teacher.

What will my child be doing from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday?

Students who will be staying for the extended time will end their day with an enrichment period. This period may consist of Art, Music, Media Literacy, Technology, Physical Education, or social/emotional development activities/group counseling.

What if I have changed my mind and want to enroll my child in the abbreviated day schedule?

As per the latest district communication, please note that changes of schedule between the abbreviated day and the extended day will only be possible at the end of each marking period.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at edwinieves@paps.net so that I can best assist you.

Sincerely,
Edwin Nieves
Principal