

SCHOOL DAY

PURPOSE:

This policy should serve to set forth the expectations of the School Committee in regard to the official commencement of the school day.

PHILOSOPHY:

The North Kingstown School Committee establishes this policy in recognition of the importance of assuring parents of the maintenance of proper oversight and supervision of the school environment and the provision for the protection of the health and safety of all students once they have arrived at their assigned school. The Committee places the burden of responsibility for such oversight and supervision on the administrative staff and all of its assigned staff members of each school.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The North Kingstown School Committee sets forth that a school day officially begins and schools are to be considered officially open for admission of students at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the designated starting time set for each school.

In keeping therewith, the Committee sets forth the following stipulations:

1. At no time are students to be allowed in school buildings without the presence of a teacher or other designated/authorized supervisory personnel.
2. Teachers shall be in their respective classrooms or other assigned station(s) to meet, greet and supervise students at the designated start of the student's school day.
3. The morning session shall generally be opened by exercises as established and authorized by the building principal, or as otherwise directed by official dictate of the School Committee as set forth by the office of the Superintendent of Schools.
4. The starting and ending time for each school is preset prior to the opening of school each year and endorsed by the School Committee. No change shall be made in this established daily time schedule without the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
5. The Superintendent is authorized to alter a school(s) schedule under stipulations as set forth by State Law or special consideration of the School Committee.