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## **Darien Public Schools to Open, Then Go on Early Dismissal Schedule**

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Darien Public Schools will open this morning, then run on an early dismissal schedule, Superintendent Dan Brenner announced early Wednesday.

UPDATE, 5:30 a.m. — "The Early Learning Program 8:30 a.m. start will dismiss at 10:00 a.m./ **Early Learning Program 9:30 a.m. start will be closed,**" the school district said in an announcement emailed at 5:22 a.m.

UPDATE, 5:45 a.m. — The school district's first emailed announcement of early dismissal listed Middlesex Middle School as being dismissed at 11 a.m. The district sent another email correcting that: **Early dismissal for Middlesex is at 10:30 a.m.,** as the district's early dismissal policy states.

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This is the [early dismissal schedule](#), according to the school district website:

**(1) In the event of a Morning Emergency Dismissal due to inclement weather**, all students, including kindergartners, will be dismissed according to the following schedule:

High School	10:30 a.m.
Hindley, Royle, Tokeneke	11:00 a.m.
Middlesex	10:30 a.m.
Holmes, Ox Ridge	11:30 a.m.

All students will have the same bus stops as they had in the morning. No lunches will be served at school on those days, but elementary students will have a snack prior to dismissal.

FOR Early Learning Program (ELP) ONLY: ELP students at Ox Ridge, Royle, and Tokeneke will be dismissed at 10 a.m.

### **The Announcements**

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*Update: 5:27 a.m.* — Here's the Darien Public Schools announcement via email at 5:22 a.m.:

Good morning,

Today is Wednesday, March 21st and the Darien Public Schools will be dismissing students early due to the weather forecast. All activities scheduled for this afternoon are cancelled or will be rescheduled for a later date. Please check the district website [www.darienps.org](http://www.darienps.org) for further updates.

The dismissal schedule is below:

- Darien High School will dismiss at 10:30am
- Middlesex Middle School will dismiss at 11:00am [SEE CORRECTION JUST BELOW]
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Hindley, Royle and Tokeneke will dismiss at 11:00am

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Holmes and Ox Ridge will dismiss at 11:30am

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The Early Learning Program 8:30am start will dismiss at 10:00am/ Early Learning Program 9:30am start will be closed

Thank you and safe travels.

In a second emailed announcement, this one at 5:45 a.m., the district amended the announced schedule to note that Middlesex Middle School will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. (NOT 11 a.m.), which is the school's time in the district's early dismissal policy (as noted above). Here's the message:

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Brenner tweeted twice before 5 a.m., with the first tweet announcing [school would be starting at the usual time](#), possibly with early dismissal, and the second [announcing a definite early dismissal](#):

The Darien Public Schools website had a notice on the home page about the early dismissal which added: "

- FOR Early Learning Program (ELP) ONLY: ELP students at Ox Ridge, Royle, and Tokeneke will be dismissed at 10 a.m.
- All activities scheduled for this afternoon are cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

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***See also:***

[Superintendent: When School Will End This Year and How Snow Day Decisions Get Made for Darien](#)  
(March 19)

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*UPDATE, 5:34 a.m.* — Here's the [Darien-specific forecast](#) from the National Weather Service, as of 4:56 a.m.:

### **Overnight**

A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a steady temperature around 34. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. Breezy, with a northeast wind around 21 mph.

### **Wednesday**

Snow, mainly after 7am. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 35. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. Windy, with a northeast wind 23 to 29 mph, with gusts as high as 41 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 5 to 9 inches possible.

### **Wednesday Night**

Snow, mainly before 3am. The snow could be heavy at times. Low around 32. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. Windy, with a north wind 22 to 26 mph, with gusts as high as 39 mph. Chance of precipitation is

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100%. New snow accumulation of 4 to 8 inches possible.

#### **Thursday**

A 20 percent chance of snow before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Wind chill values between 20 and 30. Breezy, with a north wind 16 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph.

#### **Thursday Night**

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northwest wind 11 to 16 mph.