

Piscataway Township School District
Piscataway, New Jersey

**DISMISSAL RELEASE FORM
SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Teacher: _____ Home Room: _____

The Supreme Court has indicated that school districts have a duty to exercise reasonable care for supervising students' safety at dismissal. School districts are now required to keep official documents on file about how you want your child(ren) to be dismissed on a regular school day and/or during an early dismissal. The following information is designed to inform you about our dismissal procedures. **Please fill out this form and return it to each child's school on or before September 8, 2023.**

The district accepts responsibility for appropriately supervising students in its care during the normal school day; when your child is being transported to or from school on school buses, and when participating in school-sponsored activities. Once the school day, bus ride home or school-sponsored activity has ended, the district expects that adult students (18 years of age) will assume responsibility for their own safety and welfare, and parents and guardians of minor students will assume responsibility for the safety and welfare of their children.

The district will take reasonable measures to publicize to the school community the days and hours when school is open. When inclement weather or other unanticipated emergency causes an early dismissal, the district will alert parents and guardians through designated radio stations, Honeywell phone calls, and the district's Web site (www.piscatawayschools.org). The district will assume that these methods of communication are adequate to alert the school community, and that arrangements will be made by the student's family on those occasions to assume care and supervision of the student upon release from school.

While it is the parent or guardian who makes the ultimate decision on whether their child should be permitted to leave school premises under regular or emergency circumstances, we will assume that you allow your child to leave school ***unescorted*** **UNLESS** this form is submitted by **September 8, 2023**.

REGULAR DISMISSAL – How will your child get home on a regular day?

Students shall be instructed to go home or elsewhere as directed by parents/guardians immediately following the close of the regular school day unless attending regularly organized programs of instruction and/or recreation or school activities which follow the dismissal of school.

Except in emergencies, students will not be permitted to vary dismissal arrangements without written permission of the parent or guardian. **Attempts shall be made to notify parents/guardians or others authorized to care for a student before he/she is sent home or elsewhere at other than the regular time of dismissal.**

All students who walk home must have written permission from parents/guardians.

Please indicate (✕) your choice below (choose only one):

- A. ____ I hereby give authorization for my minor child to walk home unescorted from school at the end of the regular school day.
- B. ____ I do not authorize my minor child to walk home unescorted at the end of the regular school day. I authorize the following person(s) to pick up my child:

Please indicate the person's name, telephone number and relationship to your child.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE REVERSE SIDE.

EARLY DISMISSAL/EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING – How will your child get home if school closes early?

On days when school is dismissed early for weather or other emergencies, all students must leave the school building and grounds as soon as classes are dismissed. All after-school childcare programs will continue to operate from the time of school dismissal until 6:00 PM. The decision to close the schools will be made by the superintendent and/or his designee, and administration will announce early dismissal closing information on designated radio stations, Honeywell phone calls, school audix messages, and the district's Web site (<http://www.piscatawayschools.org>). Please indicate below your preferred choice should schools be dismissed in the event of an early dismissal or emergency school closing:

Please indicate (✕) your choice below (choose only one):	
A. ____	My minor child will take his/her regularly scheduled school bus home.
B. ____	My minor child will report to the fee-based childcare program in which he or she is already enrolled .
C. ____	My minor child is allowed to walk to home unescorted from school.
D. ____	In the event of an early dismissal or emergency school closing, my minor child <u>is not allowed</u> to walk home unescorted from school. I authorize the following person(s) to pick up my child:
<u>Please indicate the person's name, telephone number and relationship to your child.</u>	
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DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL UPON SUSPENSION AND/OR SAFETY RELATED ISSUES

Upon suspension and/or upon an administrative decision to remove a student from school before the regular dismissal time, a parent or legal guardian of record must pick up the student from school as soon as possible, but no later than 4:00 PM. This criterion for emergency dismissal/release from school is established to help maintain a safe school environment for all concerned.

Parents or legal guardians must designate in writing, permission for allowing their child to leave with a specific designated adult(s).

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Reasons for not allowing students to board the regular school bus to home include, but are not limited to the following:

Suspension or excused removal from school during administrative investigations for verbal altercations, fighting, assault, suspected drug use (controlled dangerous substance) or possession of drugs or demonstrated likelihood to be disruptive or to cause harm to self or others. Other information pertinent to suspensions from school may be found in school district's Code of Student Conduct.

If a student is not picked up by 4:00 PM, school personnel may seek the involvement of the Piscataway Township Police Department or State child protection officials, as appropriate.

I have received this 2023-2024 Dismissal Release form and the 2023-2024 school calendar that was mailed to my home.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please Note: It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify your child's school in writing of any changes to the information indicated on this form.