Frequently Asked Questions

What time does the school day start?
The school day starts at 7:30am. It is recommended that students arrive by 7:25am at the latest so that they will be seated in class by 7:30am. Students can arrive as early as 7am. Students arriving to class after 7:30 are considered tardy.

Where is student drop-off/pick-up?
Students should be dropped off and/or picked up in the front of the school near the flagpole. There is a circular driveway there that allows parents to drive up, pick up their student, and then loop back around to leave the parking lot. All students should be at school by 7:20am to have time to get to their first class on time. Student dismissal is at 2:00pm. Students will report directly to their buses/rides.

What do I do if a student is going to be absent from school?
We ask that parents/guardians notify the school if your student is going to be absent from school. If the school is not notified before 9:00am and is absent from school parents/guardians will receive a text message from the school.

- Parents/guardians may call the school at (508) 529-2130 and leave a message before 7:00am or speak to a member of the front office staff after 7:00am.
- An email is also an acceptable notification of a student's absence. Parents/guardians, please send the email to nipmucmainoffice@mursd.org.
- For students who exceed five absences in the school year, the school will make attempts to communicate with parents in order to address attendance concerns. Absences due to out-of-school suspensions will not be included.
- Every two unexcused dismissals and/or tardies will count for one absence. This consideration will be made when determining make-up hours if the student exceeds the absent limit in any given school year.
- For every unexcused absence over fourteen, students will be required to make up two hours.
- Medical notes may be brought to the main office when the student returns to school, emailed to nipmucmainoffice@mursd.org or faxed to (508) 529-2129 in order to have absences excused.
- If a student is absent from school they may not participate in extracurricular activities/athletics.

What if a student arrives at school after 7:30?
If a student arrives at school after 7:30am they will be considered tardy to school. The student should check in at the main office and fill out the *Late Arrival Form*. Once the form is filled out properly the student, teacher, and main office personnel will receive an email that the student has arrived. After completing the form, the student should head directly to class.
Parents/guardians will be notified via text message if their child arrives late to school.

**If the student has a medical note to excuse the tardy they should hand it in as soon as possible to ensure that their attendance is recorded accurately. Students are allowed three unexcused tardies per term without consequence.

Consequences for tardiness to school will follow the guidelines (per offense) below:

- Tardy to school 4 and beyond times: after-school detention and loss of eligibility for extracurricular activities/athletics for the day of the tardy

What is the process of dismissing a student from school?

Notes for early dismissal from school must be brought to the Nipmuc Main Office before the start of the school day. The note must contain the time of early dismissal, the parent's signature, and a phone number where the parent may be reached. Students who are dismissed without excusal and students dismissed through the nurse will not be eligible for extracurricular activities. Additionally, students are only allowed 2 unexcused dismissals without consequence. Medical appointment notes should be turned in to the main office, faxed to (508) 529-2129 or emailed to nipmucmainoffice@mursd.org.

How does the school day schedule work?

Nipmuc will run on a 5 block 7-day schedule. Students will have 7 classes in total.
Each day classes will rotate so 5 classes are held and two get "dropped". The next day begins with the classes that were "dropped" the previous day. You can see the schedule below.

NIPMUC 2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
7:30 - 8:34	A	F	D	B	G	E	C
8:34 - 8:51	GREEN WING BREAK						
8:54 - 9:58 (GREEN) 8:37 - 9:41 (BLUE)	B & BREAK	G & BREAK	E & BREAK	C & BREAK	A & BREAK	F & BREAK	D & BREAK
9:41 - 9:58	BLUE WING BREAK						
10:01 - 11:05	C	A	F	D	B	G	E
11:08 - 12:53 Lunch 1 11:08-11:33 Lunch 2 11:48-12:13 Lunch 3 12:28-12:53	D & LUNCH	B & LUNCH	G & LUNCH	E & LUNCH	C & LUNCH	A & LUNCH	F & LUNCH
12:56 - 2:00	E	C	A	F	D	B	G

When will students eat lunch each day?

We have 3 lunches during the school day. What lunch students eat depends on what class the student has during the fourth block each day. Teachers will work with students during the first days of school to help them identify their lunch times and how to order lunch. Students are

allowed to bring lunch from home or get a school lunch but ARE NOT allowed to have outside food delivered during the school day.

Are lunches available for free this year?
For the 2024-2025 school year, lunches are free. Through state funding breakfast and lunch will be available for all students at no cost for the entire year. If you qualify for free and reduced lunch please still fill out the application as this helps with other school fees and P-EBT eligibility.

Are students allowed to purchase a second lunch if they want "double lunch"?
Students are allowed to purchase a second entree for $1.50 if available. Students can use their My School Bucks account or cash to pay for double lunch or snacks. Please reach out to our Food Services Director Dianne Mucci (dmucci@mursd.org) with any questions.

Who is the contact with any bus questions?
Mo Coburn is the bus coordinator for the district. Ms. Coburn can be reached at mcoburn@mursd.org and/or (508) 381-3846. Bus routes can be found here.

Will students use a locker this year?
Yes. Lockers in the academic hallways and locker rooms are available for use.

- Academic wing lockers will be distributed on an individual basis by Mrs. O'Brien in the School Counseling Center. Students should stop by the SCC to be assigned a locker.
- Student-athletes should see Mr. Schmidt if they would like an athletic locker.
- Items may be stored in the athletic locker rooms during the day but must be removed at the end of the day to allow for cleaning/sanitizing.

How do students obtain a parking permit?
Students must have a parking permit in order to park in the school parking lot. Students can find the parking permit application in Clever or at this link, students must fill out the application with their MURSD email account. The $50 fee may be brought to the main office (cash or check made out to MURSD). Parking permit stickers will begin to be issued during the first week of school.

If a student plays an after-school sport, where do they keep their sports equipment during the school day?
The locker rooms will be open before school for students to store their sports equipment. Students, please remember to give yourself enough time to bring the equipment to the locker rooms and make it to the first block class before 7:30am. If students arrive to class after 7:30am, they will be required to fill out the Late Arrival Form on Clever.

If a student plays an instrument, where do they keep that during the day?
Students will drop their instruments off in the band room when they first arrive at school. Music students will have access to the band room after school and/or after practice. Please reach out to Mr. Harding (sharding@mursd.org) with specific questions regarding instruments or band.

Students, please remember to give yourself enough time to bring the equipment to the locker rooms and make it to the first block class before 7:30am. If students arrive to class after 7:30am, they will be required to fill out the Late Arrival Form on Clever.

Where do students find out information about school clubs/activities?
Students can find information online here about clubs and activities. Additionally, in September each year, we host a club and activities fair where students will learn about the vast number of clubs and activities available to them at Nipmuc.

Who are the Class Advisors?
Class of 2025 -- Mrs. Tara Bennett and Ms. Rachel Robbins
Class of 2026 -- Mrs. Darcy Daniels and Ms. Kathy Foisy
Class of 2027 -- Mrs. Lauren Blackburn and Ms. Kate Reardon
Class of 2028 -- Ms. Lauren Plante and Ms. Rachel Robbins

When do students receive their iPad?
All new students and freshmen will receive their iPads during orientation or during advisory on the first day of school.

How do students request technology support?
Students may access the Technology Helpdesk through their Clever App on their iPad, fill out a ticket, or email helpdesk@mursd.org. Additionally, they can stop into the media center where the technology office is located, to see if a technology staff member is available to help them.

How is contact information/address updated in PowerSchool?
Please send an email to Mrs. O'Brien in the School Counseling Center with:

- All children linked to the account
- Parent/guardian updated contact information
- If an address is changing we will require an updated proof of residency with both Evidence of Address of Residence **and** Evidence of Actual Residency at that Address. Specifics about these requirements are found here.

How do students/families stay informed about updates at Nipmuc?
Each Monday Nipmuc shares a newsletter with students and families via email providing news, information, and updates for the week ahead. By updating contact information in PowerSchool (as noted above), you will receive this email in your inbox every Monday.

How do students/parents/guardians see report cards, schedules, and attendance information in Powerschool?

1. Login to PowerSchool parent portal.
2. Choose the student's name under the PowerSchool logo to review their grades.
3. The default screen is the Grades and Attendance screen. Each course for the student is listed, with the terms that the student is enrolled in the class.

4. To review the assignment details for a course, click on the grade number or [i] in the appropriate term column for the Class Score Detail screen.
5. Scroll down to the Assignments section to review the details and scores (if available) for each assignment.
6. Teachers may use icons to mark assignments. Grading icon legend is at the bottom of the screen.
7. Some teachers may enter comments related to assignments. Click on the View link for the assignment
8. Return to the main screen to choose a different class by clicking on the Grades and Attendance icon.

MURSD PowerSchool App District Code: **ZGKP**

Accessing final grades in the App: Please be aware that the grades on the Dashboard screen are for the **TERM** only. If you want to see the end of year or final grade, you have to click into each class from the Dashboard and choose Y1 or click the classes icon at the bottom of the app.

MUSRD PowerSchool supporting documentation is available on the mursd.org website. Any questions related to PowerSchool can be directed to powerschool@mursd.org

Can students be given medication during the school day?
A written order from a licensed prescriber is required for all prescription medication, supplements (herbal or other) and for any over-the-counter medication not covered by Standing Orders from our School Physician. Required orders and consents must be renewed at the beginning of each academic year and as needed throughout the school year.

Parent/Guardian consent for the following over-the-counter medications: Please call Health Services at 508-529-2143 if you have any questions regarding medication administration during the school day.

Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Polselli can also be reached via email:

- lmcinnis@mursd.org
- jpolselli@mursd.org

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions. We can be reached at nipmucprincipals@mursd.org.