

CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Edgmont Scholars Academy – Elementary Building

1450 Edgmont Avenue

Chester, Pennsylvania 19013

Phone 484.658.3551

August 12, 2024

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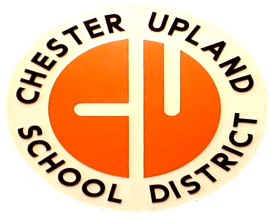
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Uniform Policy

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Burgandy
Gray
Navy Blue
White
Black
Orange

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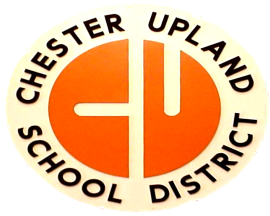
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Shoes:

Sneakers
Closed Toe Shoes

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School Hours

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Half-Day Early Dismissal

Early Dismissals End at 2:45pm

Arrival & Dismissal

Parents, to help your child achieve academic success, it is very important that your child attend school each day. Your child should arrive on time and be prepared to start their school day. Students are encouraged to remain in school for a full day of learning.

Student Arrival

- Students in the pre-k classroom enter through the front door at 8:45am and **must be signed in by an adult.**
- All students in grades K-5 will enter school through the Gym beginning at 8:30am. This door will close at 9:00am.
- Students will be escorted to their classroom by their homeroom teacher.
- **Students will be marked tardy after 9:00am.** If your child arrives after 9:00am, they must enter school through the front doors and parents are required to sign them into school.

Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed at 3:45pm.
- If your child needs to leave school early, the parent/guardian or designee should report to the front office before 2:45pm. Your child will be called to the front office for an early dismissal.
- Parents are not permitted to go directly to their child's classroom.
- Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds with an adult that's not listed on their child's application or emergency contact list. If you need to update your child's contacts and emergency contact list, please contact Ms. Beverly Howard at bhoward@chesteruplandsd.org, 484.658.3551, or visit our front office.



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The following are considered **Excused/Legal Absences**:

- Illness (three or more consecutive days requires a physicians note upon students return)
- Death of an immediate family member
- Quarantine established by a medical doctor
- Medical and dental appointments during the school day which could not be arranged after school hours
- Court appearances
- Suspension from school
- An exceptionally urgent situation that directly affects the child such as the effects of a natural disaster
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The following are considered **Unexcused/Illegal Absences**

- Babysitting
- Car Troubles
- Vacations
- Oversleeping
- Participation in extracurricular activities and hobbies

Excessive Absences

- After three (3) days of cumulative unexcused absences, a warning letter will be mailed home.
- After five (5) days of cumulative unexcused absences, a letter will be mailed home and a parent conference will be scheduled at the school.
- After ten (10) days of cumulative unexcused absences, the truancy department will be notified.

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Edgmont Scholars Academy Suggested School Supply List

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(2) Composition Notebooks

(1 pack) Wide Ruled Notebook Paper

Erasers

Pack of Crayons

Colored Pencils

(1) Highlighters

Scissors

(3) Glue Sticks

2 Boxes of Tissues

(2) Black Dry Erase Markers



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