



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**NORWIN FACILITIES TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC ACTIVITY DURING SCHOOL HOURS  
 Change Takes Effect Beginning in March**

NORTH HUNTINGDON, Pa. — Acting on the advice of local police and emergency officials, Norwin School District is announcing that it will close all District facilities to public recreational use during school instructional hours beginning in March.

In fall 2019, local police and other public safety leaders [recommended](#) that the Norwin Board of Education and Administration consider closing Norwin school facilities to the public during school hours to increase student safety.

The Norwin Board of Education considered these recommendations and a majority of them agreed, approving changes to [Policy 707 – Use of School Facilities](#) in November. The policy sets new hours for public use of school facilities (Please see box).

Public access to all school district campuses and recreational facilities will be closed between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:30pm (weekdays) unless the person has a legitimate school business purpose for being on school property.

Norwin School District officials acknowledge that, in recent years, many people have enjoyed walking, jogging, and other forms of recreation or exercise on the Norwin campus and on Norwin school property.

However, during school hours, these activities will now be prohibited on all Norwin School District property. This includes everywhere on the Norwin main campus and the three elementary schools of Sheridan Terrace, Stewartsville, and Sunset Valley. District officials hope that neighboring parks and natural spaces will provide adequate alternatives.

The new restrictions on public recreational use of Norwin school facilities go into effect March 1, 2020.

Signs will be purchased for District property, and information is being mailed to Norwin residences.

<b>HOURS FOR THE PUBLIC            Recreational Use of Norwin School District Facilities            Effective March 1, 2020</b>	
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>	<b>WEEKENDS</b>
<b>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00am – 7:00am</li> <li>• 4:30pm – 11:00pm</li> </ul>	<b>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*</b>  <b>5:00am to 11:00pm</b>
<b>CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00am – 4:30pm</li> </ul> when school is in session for the safety and security of students and staff.	
<p>* Only if the school property is not in use by Norwin School District athletic teams or school-approved events (including, but not limited to: football field, tennis courts, baseball/softball fields, putting green, gymnasiums, pool, fitness centers).</p> <p>All playgrounds close at dusk. All facilities close to the public daily from 11:00pm to 5:00am.</p>	

# Norwin Area Parks



Map courtesy of North Huntingdon Township Parks Department