

## **Early Student Pick-Up Policy**

One of 21st Century Public Academy's goals is to ensure the safety of all students and minimize classroom interruptions. To support consistent instruction and a smooth dismissal process, we ask that parents and guardians avoid picking up students **between 2:30 p.m and 3:05.**

### **Why this policy is important:**

- **Maximizes learning time** – The last hour of the day often includes important lessons, activities, and instructions for homework or upcoming events.
- **Minimizes disruptions** – Frequent interruptions in the last part of the day impact the learning environment for all students.
- **Supports safety** – The office and staff begin preparing for end-of-day dismissal procedures at 2:30, and last-minute changes make supervision and tracking of students more challenging.

### **Exceptions** will be made for:

- Medical appointments (please notify the office in advance when possible)
- Family emergencies
- School-approved activities

If your child has an appointment or you need to pick them up before the end of the day, please plan to do so **before 2:30 p.m.**

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, orderly, and productive end to each school day.

**Early Pick-Up Cutoff:** 2:30 p.m.

Approved by 21st Century PA on 8/21/25