

# Inclement Weather Notification 2014-15



School closure, delay and early dismissal due to weather, road conditions and power outages are always a possibility in North Kitsap.

Road conditions may vary in different parts of our district so parents and guardians should always use their own discretion in determining whether to send children to school or pick them up early if they feel conditions in their particular area are not safe.

Because student safety is our number one priority and many of our parents/guardians are not able to return home from work to meet their children, our district will only dismiss students early from school in extreme situations. ***Parents should have a back-up plan if this happens.***

In the event of worsening weather conditions, the district may decide to release and transport secondary students (grades 6-12) early so that buses are ready to pick up elementary students at the scheduled time.

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## Types of Closures or Delays

**No News is Good News!** If you do not receive a call or email, and there is nothing announced on the local news, this means school is running on a regular schedule.

**School Closure** - If school is closed, all out-of-district transportation, meetings, field trips, after-school activities, practices will be canceled for the day unless otherwise announced. All evening meetings/functions scheduled to take place in district facilities will also be canceled.

**Two-Hour Delay** - If there is a two-hour delayed start, the following schedule changes will apply:

- No Morning Kindergarten or Preschool
- No Breakfast Program
- No Out-of-District Transportation
- No Elementary Band
- No Secondary Zero-Hour Classes

**Early Release** - In extreme conditions, school may be closed after the district has announced a two-hour delay due to further deterioration of the weather or students may be released early. ***Parents should have a back-up plan if this happens.*** The district may decide to release and transport secondary students (grades 6-12) early so that buses are ready to pick up elementary students at the scheduled time.

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## Closure, Delay, Dismissal Communication

In the event of school closure, delay or dismissal

- **Phone Alert** - Parents will receive an automated phone call to their designated primary phone number in the event of school closure, delay, or early dismissal. Calls are initiated by 6:00am when possible.
- **Website** - School closure and delay information may be found on [www.nkschools.org](http://www.nkschools.org) and [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net).
- **Email** - All Parents/Guardians with an email in Skyward will receive an email from the district via SchoolMessenger, our email notification system. If you do not have your email listed with your student in Skyward, please contact your school to have it added.
- **Text Alerts** - You may sign up for text message alerts from [KING 5 News](#) or [Flashalert](#). These services are not sponsored by North Kitsap School District.
- **Facebook** - Inclement weather notifications will be posted on the [NKSD Facebook page](#).
- **Media** - Radio stations such as KITZ 1400 AM, KIRO 710 AM, KRPM 1090, KOMO 1000 AM, KPLU 88.5, KUOW 94.5, KJR 95.7, and KLSY 92.5 and local television stations KOMO TV 4, KING TV 5, KIRO TV 7, and KCPQ TV 13 will be announcing schedule changes by district name after 6 a.m. Schools will be operating on normal schedules if no announcement is made.
- **Emergency Information Line** - You may call (360) 396-3993 for the latest information on closures and delays.

### Alternate Bus Stops

Alternate bus stops may be used during inclement weather. Transportation Services will send out a phone alert if your bus stop has been changed. You may reach Transportation Services at (360) 396-3099 regarding alternate bus stops or delays in service.

### Picking up or sending your child home early

If you would like your child to come home early because they walk or drive home on their own, you may either call the school office to give permission or your child may call you from the school office.



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