

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT INCLEMENT WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

HOW IS THE DECISION MADE? – The decision to open or close our schools in bad weather is based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- **Information on road conditions from transportation staff and from the police.** Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous roads in the district such as the Powder Mill section of our district. Even if your street looks clear, travel elsewhere in the district may be dangerous. Also, we take into consideration the fact that some high school students drive to school.
- **Amount of snow and ice accumulated.**
- **Whether precipitation is continuing.**
- **Building conditions such as whether schools have electricity and heat.**
- **Parking lot conditions.** Administrators discuss the conditions of the schools' parking lots and sidewalks with the maintenance and custodial staff members to determine if the sites are safe.
- **Temperature and wind chill.** Please remember that some of our students walk to school and some must wait outside for the bus.
- **Weather predictions.** We consider the forecast for conditions throughout the day and into the evening.
- **What other school districts are doing.** We contact other neighboring districts to determine if they are opening or closing.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION? – The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the school district's Coordinator of Transportation, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and the Police Department.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED? – Parents/Guardians and staff members will receive announcements from the district's SchoolMessenger system, our automated email and text system, with regard to emergency school closings resulting from stormy or inclement weather or any other emergency. Announcements are also posted on the Parsippany-Troy Hills School District's Website, found at www.pthsd.k12.nj.us; and on radio and TV stations.

**Parents, staff members and the public are reminded NOT to contact the
Police Department regarding school closings.**

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE? – The Superintendent of Schools must make the decision to close the schools by 5:00 a.m. or earlier, so that radio and TV stations are notified and the information is posted on the district's Website. If the decision is made later than 5:30 a.m., some parents will have already left for work, leaving their children unsupervised.

WILL SCHOOLS CLOSE IF CONDITIONS WORSEN? – Please keep in mind that, even if weather conditions worsen, the decision to close schools for the day cannot be reversed without endangering students. When the decision is made to open the schools, many parents rely on it and leave for work. If we then send students back home, many will return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses. If conditions worsen during the school day, a decision to conduct an early dismissal will be considered.

Delayed Opening Schedules	
High Schools	9:10 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Middle Schools	9:30 a.m. – 2:46 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	10:25 a.m – 3:25 p.m.
SKIP	NO AM SKIP
PRESCHOOL	AM – 10:30 - 12:30 pm PM – 1:00 – 3:00 pm
	NO PM Preschool if there is an Early Dismissal
Preschool Extended Day	Mon-Thurs 10:30-3:00 p.m. Friday 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.
ALL Schools Closed	
SKIP Preschool/Extended Day	NO SKIP NO Preschool/Extended Day
Unscheduled Early Dismissal Schedule	
High Schools	12:15 p.m.
Middle Schools	12:46 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	1:30 p.m.
SKIP	NO PM SKIP
Preschool	AM 9:00-11:00 a.m. NO PM PRESCHOOL
Preschool Extended Day	Mon-Friday 9:00-1:00 p.m.
In School All Day, but no Afternoon Activities	
SKIP	SKIP OPEN

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