

NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAZARDOUS WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

This information is to help parents prepare for emergency school closings or delays because of hazardous weather. Although our overall goal is to guard against disrupting educational programs, the safety of students is our primary concern when weather conditions are hazardous.

When is the decision made to close schools?

A decision is made early in the morning based on radio and television broadcasts, road conditions, and recommendations of transportation personnel, police, and the superintendent.

How is the public notified?

Conditions permitting, notification of emergency closings will occur as follows:

- * Connect-ED telephone message (to registered households)
- * Listserv computer message (to registered households)
- * Website posting (www.nhsd.org)
- * Comcast Cable posting (Channel 28 in New Hope & Solebury)

In addition, the following television stations will announce our school closing information:

FOXTV29 – www.fox29.com

CBS3 TV – www.kyw1060.com

WPVI-TV6 – www.6abc.com

NBC10 – www.NBC10.com

Unless announcements of school closings or delays are broadcast, schools will be open and our school buses and vans will run. However, pickup times may be somewhat affected by weather conditions. When schools are closed, they will reopen the next school day, unless we broadcast otherwise.

What happens if the weather becomes severe during the school day?

Sometimes it is necessary to dismiss students early because of hazardous conditions that develop during the day. When that happens, parents need to know:

- * Families will be informed through announcements on Connect-ED, listserv, website, Comcast channel and TV stations.
- * Dismissal times will be broadcast through the methods listed above.
- * Students will be dropped off at their regularly designated locations. Requests for transportation changes will not be honored during emergency weather conditions.
- * Usually secondary students will be dismissed first to allow them, and parents, to arrive home before younger children.
- * When emergency dismissals occur, all activity buses, after school, and evening activities are canceled.
- * Parents are urged to establish emergency dismissal plans for the care of young children and to make their children aware of them.
- * Parents may elect to go directly to their children's school location to sign out their children.

What about delayed openings?

One or two hour delayed openings may be broadcast when it appears that students and staff can get to school safely if extra travel time is provided.

When one or two hour delays occur, buses and vans will arrive at their stops one or two hours later than usual and school will begin in accordance with the following:

	1 hr. delay	2 hr. delay
High School	8:50 AM	9:50 AM
Middle School	8:50 AM	9:50 AM
Elementary Schools	9:45 AM	10:45 AM

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