



When the weather outside is frightful...

Each year we remind families of how we communicate during inclement weather. Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Our community is large enough that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other areas. South Kitsap School District officials put a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Of course, parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather. This information will be relevant when students return to campus.

When are decisions made?

School district officials do their best to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.



No News is Good News

SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media and post these changes to the home page of the district website. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.



When will my bus come?

Bus routes follow the same schedule as our schools. For example if schools are delayed two hours, bus riders can expect the bus to come approximately two hours late. On the occasion when roads are not passable, the Transportation Department may use alternate stops.



TAKE ACTION!

To insure you are notified of school delays, closures, or other emergencies, make sure you are signed up for the following:

Flash Alert -

This is the first place school information is sent. It is the same source that media outlets use to feed the information ticker that runs on the bottom of the screen during a newscast. Sign up at <https://www.flashalert.net> and review your account each year to ensure that you continue to receive messages.

Skylert -

SMS Messaging: A new feature in Skyward Family Access. Families must "opt-in". Please update your information in the Skyward system. **Directions available on page 2.**

Monitor

Facebook

@ SouthKitsapSchoolDistrict

Twitter

@ SouthKitsapSD
@ SK_Bus_Riders

District website www.skschools.org



How can I receive notifications?

South Kitsap School District has the ability to send SMS messaging along with email and phone blasts. This provides parents with another method to receive important notifications such as school closures, delays, or other emergencies. To receive notifications visit www.skschools.org and log into the *Skyward Family Access* link located on the middle of the district website page.

Skylert - "Opt-In" Directions

Use your Username and Password to log into Skyward and access Skylert.



"Stay informed! Sign up to receive emergency updates from SKSD."

- 1 Click Skylert
- 2 Update telephone numbers and email addresses.
- 3 Customize notification preferences based on the type of notification. Emergency notifications include information about school closures or other school emergencies such as lockdowns.
- 4 Add a text/SMS number (this is optional but recommended). Also select your notification preferences.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

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