

Inclement Weather

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018



SOUTH KITSAP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

When the weather outside is frightful...

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. Each time a decision is made, many different interests and issues are taken into consideration; the primary decision factor is student safety. Of course,

parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather.



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 but families must "opt in". Please update your information in the Skyward system. Directions are on the next page.

Monitor

Facebook @ SouthKitsapSchoolDistrict

Twitter @ SouthKitsapSD
@ SK_Bus_Riders

District website www.skschools.org

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. In such situations the SchoolMessenger calling system will be used to contact all families and staff at home.

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.



Inclement Weather

NOTIFICATIONS



South Kitsap School District has the ability to send SMS messaging along with email and phone blasts. This will provide parents with another method to receive important notifications such as school closures, delays, or other emergencies.

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

Skylert - "Opt In" Directions

Log into Skyward Family Access. There is a link on top of the district website homepage at www.skschools.org

- 1 Click Skylert
- 2 Update telephone numbers and email addresses
- 3 Customize notification preferences based on the type of notification:

Emergency: includes information about school closures or other school emergencies such as lockdowns. You may not opt out of receiving these messages on your primary phone number or email address.

- 4 Add a text/SMS number (optional) and notification preferences

- 5 Click Save

Home
New Student Pre-Registration
Annual Verification & Acknowledgement
Calendar
Attendance
Report Cards / Attachments
Skylert
Health Info
Login History

Skylert enables you to receive notifications concerning your child(ren). You have control over which notifications to receive and how you would like to receive them.

Save

My Skyward Contact Info

Contact Info	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
* Primary Phone: (360) 874-7000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone: (360) 874-7000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Phone: (360) 874-7000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Email: johndoe@gmail.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Contact Info for Family With

Phone Numbers	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
Additional Phone 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 5:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email Addresses	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
Additional Email 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Text Message Numbers	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance
Phone 1: (360) 876-7392	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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. The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator
Jerry Holsten,
Executive Director of Human Resources
2689 Hoover Avenue SE,
Port Orchard, WA 98366
360-874-7006
holsten@skschools.org

Section 504 Coordinator
Robin Christman, Assistant Director
Office of Special Services
2689 Hoover Avenue SE,
Port Orchard, WA 98366
360-874-3627
christmanr@skschools.org



SOUTH KITSAP
SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.skschools.org | 360.874.7000