



PARENT NOTICE

Inclement Weather Communication

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter weather is around the corner. The Pickens County School District (PCSD) wants to remind you about the procedures the district has in place regarding changes in school operations due to inclement weather.



The PCSD works in close contact with local and state emergency authorities to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. Our goal is to be proactive in protecting everyone.

When the PCSD decides to close school, all school activities and after-school programs are cancelled.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMUNICATION

The PCSD will provide communication about the closure (or delayed opening) of schools through a variety of methods. It is very important the district has updated contact information for your child/family.

- **Please remember to keep your family contact information current by updating it in the Infinite Campus student portal or by informing your child's school.**
- Please remember when "all call" phone messages are sent out, they go to **ALL** phone numbers listed for a student. Therefore, multiple family members will receive the same message.

Communication Methods

The PCSD will notify parents/guardians through the following methods:

1. Phone call to all phone numbers in the Infinite Campus system
2. Message posting inside the Infinite Campus system
3. Posting on the PCSD and school's social media pages and websites
4. Information sent to local Pickens County media
5. Information sent to metro Atlanta television stations, including: WSB TV/Channel 2, WXIA/11 Alive, WAGA/Fox 5, WGCL/CBS 46

Scenario 1: School Closure Before School Starts

In the event the PCSD decides to close school before school starts, parents will be notified via the communication methods listed above.

Scenario 2: Delayed Start

In the event the PCSD decides to delay the opening of school, parents will be notified when school buses will pick up children and when school will start.

Scenario 3: Early Release After School Has Started

In the event the PCSD decides to close school early and to send students home, parents will be notified of the time buses will depart schools and the time parents should begin picking up their child at school.

Important Reminders:

1. Please plan ahead on what to do in the event of early release. At the start of the school year, parents filled out a "Student Information Form" and provided emergency contacts and selected how their child will be released (ride bus or picked up at school).
2. Please confirm your child's school has updated contact information for who may pick up your child.
3. Please communicate your plan with your child.
4. Schools have a limited number of phone lines, so please do not call to ask if school might be cancelled. You will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.