

WHAT HAPPENS TO ACTIVITIES?

When schools are closed due to weather conditions, all community activities scheduled for that day or evening will normally be cancelled. These activities include but are not limited to: adult school, recreation programs, extra-curricular activities, athletic practices and contests. All activity buses will be cancelled.

If schools are closed due to weather conditions on the last day before a weekend, the weekend activities may still be held if weather conditions permit. Listen for broadcast announcements.

UNEXPECTED DELAYS

A severe winter storm could develop unexpectedly during the school day. Despite an early dismissal schedule, weather conditions and resultant traffic problems could result in children arriving home well past their normal time.

If this type of situation should occur, the School District will, through our principals, local radio stations and cable broadcasts, keep parents apprised of the time when they can expect their children home.

School bus drivers maintain radio contact with the bus garage.

HOW CAN PARENTS BE READY?

Parents should be prepared for an early dismissal by having identified a neighbor's house where their child can go if they cannot be at home. The name, address, and telephone number of this person should be on file with the principal of your child's school.

In case of an early dismissal, it is requested that parents do not drive to school to pick up children who normally ride the school bus. The additional traffic that this creates around the school and on local roads only makes the safe transportation of students to their homes that much more difficult.

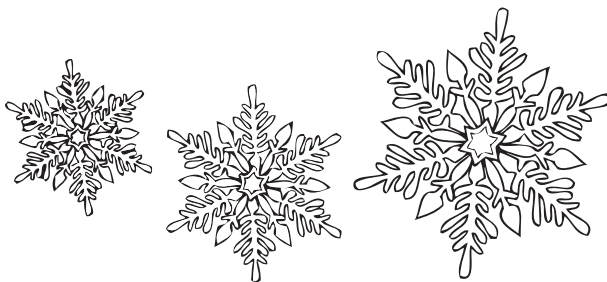
PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT PHILADELPHIA RADIO EMERGENCY CLOSING NUMBER "747"

When schools are open and the weather is inclement, parents are advised that they must make the final determination as to whether conditions permit them to send their children to school. Absences under these conditions will be considered unexcused absences.

PARENTS: please remind students to dress in outerwear that is appropriate for wintry weather.

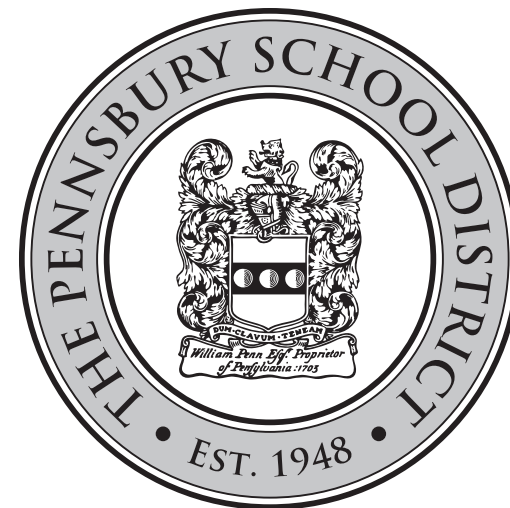
We hope this brief brochure assists you in understanding all that is involved in a school district's attempt to deal with winter storms and provides you with the necessary information to prepare for the snow season.

The transportation information in this brochure pertains to public, parochial and private school students.



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SNOW CLOSING INFORMATION

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

- ConnectED automated calling system
- Web: www.pennsbury.k12.pa.us
- Hotline: 215-428-4100, option 8
- Comcast Cable Channel 28
Verizon FiOS Channel 42

SECONDARY NOTIFICATION

- Local Radio & TV stations (listed inside)

The purpose of this brochure is to provide you with the information necessary to be prepared for the closing of school due to a weather emergency - namely snow!

WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

School administrators maintain a careful watch of the weather during the snow season. The extent which snowfall affects the operation of school and bus transportation varies with the amount of snow and ice that accumulate. The time of day snow occurs and the weather conditions after a storm are also factors that must be considered.

WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR INFORMATION?

School District personnel listen to the same weather forecasts you do. Our sources of weather information are radio and television broadcasts. The local police are contacted regarding road conditions.

WHAT FACTORS GO INTO MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOLS?

- Weather forecasts from radio and television
- Local police information on road conditions
- Assessment of road conditions and accessibility to buildings by the Director of Transportation and Director of Physical Plant and Facilities
- Time snow starts/ends
- Amount of snow and ice
- Expected impact on traffic
- Weather conditions expected after the snow

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The District Superintendent is responsible for the final decision. The decision is based on the information received from the sources noted and the recommendations of the Director of Transportation, the Director of Administrative Services and the Director of Physical Plant and Facilities.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The decision to close school must be made by 5:00 a.m. so that radio and television stations can be notified.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

The official means of notification are listed on the front of this brochure. The following radio stations will announce "The Pennsbury School District is Closed" or other pertinent information about the schools:

<u>RADIO STATION</u>	<u>DIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>AREA/ LOCATION</u>
WBCB	1490 AM	Levittown
KYW	1060 AM	Philadelphia
WPST	94.5 FM	Princeton

Philadelphia radio stations may make announcements using Pennsbury's code number (747). CBS-3, NBC-10, 6-ABC, and FOX-29 will also announce information about school closings, as will Comcast Cable Channel 28, Verizon FiOS Channel 42, and the Pennsbury Web site.

DELAYED OPENING OF SCHOOL

Weather conditions may be such that a delayed opening of two or three hours will be necessary.

Notification of a delayed opening will be communicated in the same manner as a school closing.

Buses will arrive at stops either two or three hours later than usual and school will begin either two or three hours later.

Pennsbury High School.....	9:20 or 10:20 a.m.
Middle School.....	10:10 or 11:10 a.m.
Elementary School.....	11:00 a.m. or 12 p.m.
AM Kindergarten.....	will be cancelled
PM Kindergarten.....	regular time

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WEATHER BECOMES SEVERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

It is possible that snow will begin and accumulate to several inches while students are in school. This may result in the dismissal of students according to the schedules that appear below:

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE "A"
(Lunch served at all levels)

<u>Level</u>	<u>Approximate Time of Dismissal</u>
AM Kindergarten.....	11:45 a.m.
PHS.....	12:30 p.m.
Middle Schools.....	1:15 p.m.
Elementary Schools.....	2:00 p.m.
PM Kindergarten.....	cancelled

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE "B"
(Lunch schedules altered - No Lunch at PHS)

<u>Level</u>	<u>Approximate Time of Dismissal</u>
PHS.....	11:00 a.m.
AM Kindergarten.....	11:45 a.m.
Middle Schools.....	12:45 p.m.
Elementary Schools.....	1:30 p.m.
PM Kindergarten.....	cancelled

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE "C"
(No Lunch at Elementary)
(No Lunch at Secondary)

<u>Level</u>	<u>Approximate Time of Dismissal</u>
PHS.....	10:15 a.m.
Middle Schools.....	11:00 a.m.
AM Kindergarten.....	11:50 a.m.
Elementary Schools.....	11:50 a.m.
PM Kindergarten.....	cancelled

The above schedules should be considered as tentative, depending on weather and road conditions. The rationale for these schedules of dismissal is so that older students will be home to care for younger brothers and sisters as they arrive at home. Safety will always be our prime consideration.

Announcements pertaining to early dismissal will be available on Comcast Cable Channel 28, Verizon FiOS Channel 42, and the Pennsbury Web site.