

Delays and Cancellations – Frequently Asked Questions



1. How will I know whether there's school or not?

In the event of cancellations, delays and early dismissals, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will be using the following notification methods:

- ✓ **The District Website** – www.dcrsd.org (This will be the first place to be updated)
- ✓ **District Alert Systems** – One Call Now – automated phone call
- ✓ **News Alerts** – Sign up at www.dcrsd.org (“Subscribe Now” button)
- ✓ **Television** -CBS-Channel 4 / ABC –Channel 5 / Fox –Channel 6 / NBC –Channel 7
- ✓ **Radio** – WTAG / WSRS / WBZ News Radio 1030
- ✓ **Twitter** - @GreggDesto
- ✓ **Facebook** - Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

2. What time will I be notified?

Every effort will be made to begin notifications by 5:30 AM. On rare occasions when it is obvious that school cannot open the next day, the notification may occur the night before.

3. What if the weather gets bad while the kids are already in school?

Please be prepared for the possibility of early dismissals, as well. Children often experience anxiety around changes in routine, so please be certain that your child understands in advance what the plan is in the event of early dismissals. Though always subject to the circumstances, early dismissals usually begin at approximately 11:15 AM for the middle schools and high school and 12:15 PM for the elementary schools.

4. What factors go into these decisions?

I consult many people before making weather-related decisions, including district staff, Highway Department personnel, bus company supervisors and other local school superintendents. Because our district covers a vast amount of land, I gather as much information as I can about the conditions across our district as a whole. I am also always conscious of the fact that a large number of our high school students drive themselves to school. Once that information is gathered, I combine it with other factors such as the forecast for the next several hours and the likely amount of time it will take to make the roads and school parking lots safe.

In the end, the primary factor in all decisions is the safety of our students and staff.