Pearl River School District

How Do I Find Out If School Is Closed?

School Closings, Delayed Openings and Early Dismissals

The decision to close schools due to weather is made by Superintendent, Marco Pochintesta, in consultation with the Director of Operations, after checking with Accuweather forecasts, local highway authorities, bus companies, and other school districts in Rockland County. Closings and delayed openings are called in to the radio stations by approximately 6:00 AM. A message will be placed on the voice mail system, the webpage and on www.cancellations.com as quickly as possible. In the event of a delayed opening and the weather does not improve, check again for a possible change to closing. Any delayed openings result in corresponding delays in transportation or both public and private school students transported by the district.

Voice Mail

A broadcast message will be placed on the **district's voice mail system.** Individuals may call **any of the main building and department telephone lines** to access the message by approximately 6:15 AM.

Administrative Offices:	620-3900
Business Office:	620-3911
Transportation Office:	620-3857
Athletic Office:	620-3943
Pearl River High School:	620-3800
Pearl River Middle School:	620-3870
Evans Park Elementary School:	620-3950
Franklin Avenue Elementary School:	620-3965
Lincoln Avenue Elementary School:	620-3850

On the Web

www.pearlriver.org
Messages will be posted as alerts the home pages of the district and school websites by 6:15 a.m.

www.cancellations.com
PRSD also participates in this on-line service through *Accuweather*. Simply follow the on-screen directions using zip code 10965. Due to high volume, we cannot always gain timely access to publish notices and updates. We advise also verifying through another venue.

Radio and Television

Listen: Radio Station WHUD 100.7 FM
Watch: TV Channel News12

Please be sure to have current emergency contact information on file with your child(ren)'s school and in the K12 Alerts system. Phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and Email addresses often change when moving to new jobs, homes, or service providers. In addition, keep current the list of other adults you approve to pick-up your child. Most communication from Pearl River School District is through Email. If you are not receiving regular Emails from us, assume our current contact information is not in K12 Alerts.

Via K12 Alerts

In the event of a school closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, the district will communitcate with parents through our emergency notification system, *K12 Alerts*. The system utilizes phone calls, Email messages, and text messages as a means of broadcasting important information. To register, parents should enter their contact information into their online profile. Go to ourdistrict website, www.pearlriver.org, and click on the *K12 Alerts* link on the home page. For questions or to update your account information, call 620-2918.

School Emergency Guidelines

What Schools Will Do: Depending on the specific nature of the emergency, school officials may respond in a variety of ways. Typically students will either be:

- Dismissed early.
- Sheltered with supervision inside the school building,either in hallways, classrooms, or common areas such as a gym or cafeteria.
- Escorted away from the building, as in a fire drill, to a safe place on school grounds.
- Escorted to a safe location off school grounds for shelter/protection. (Exact location will depend on the nature of the emergency and evacuation).

What Parents Should Do: Depending on the specific nature of the emergency, **parents may be asked to:**

- Wait for notification (i.e., if students are being sheltered inside the building and unlocking doors would compromise their safety.
- Come to school to pick up their child(ren).
- Go to an alternate location to pick up their hild(ren).

For the safety of all, it is absolutely essential that parents follow the directions provided by school district emergency personnel.

Keep Your Contact Information Current!