

SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DELAY/ CLOSING GUIDE

**District Terms & Procedures Related to School
Closing and Delays**

The Syosset Central School District is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. In the event of hazardous weather conditions, schools may be delayed and/or closed and before and after school activities may be impacted. This guide outlines key information that is helpful to know in the event of such situations.

What to expect during inclement weather situations

In the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent will determine if a change to normal operating procedures is required after evaluating weather conditions, evaluating road and building conditions, and consulting with the District Transportation staff to determine if buses can safely transport students.

The District is committed to providing timely information and every effort is made to arrive at a decision prior to 6:00 a.m. in order to adequately notify our community. The District uses email, phone and text to communicate directly with parents and guardians, and also makes the information available online and through local media outlets such as radio stations and regional television stations.

This Guide outlines procedures for the various protocols that may be implemented during inclement weather.



School is Closed:

If weather conditions are severe enough that transporting students to or from school is determined to be unsafe, school will be canceled for the day.

- Morning and afternoon SCOPE is canceled.
- All activities before and after school are canceled.
- Any activities planned to take place at the school buildings will be canceled or postponed.
- If necessary, you will receive a separate communication regarding rescheduling of events and/or activities.



Two-Hour Delay:

A two-hour delay may be implemented to provide crews with additional time to prepare roadways and facilities for student arrival. Weather and road conditions will be monitored closely during the delay to determine if a closure is necessary.

- Morning SCOPE is canceled. Afternoon SCOPE will continue as scheduled.
- Before school activities are canceled.
- Buses will operate on a 2 hour delay in the morning only. Bus pick-up time will be approximately 2 hours after the normally scheduled pick-up time. Afternoon drop-off time will not change.
- Afternoon and evening activities will continue as planned unless otherwise indicated.

Please continue to monitor the District website and be alert for additional communications throughout the morning. If weather conditions deteriorate and/or if the roads are not adequately cleared in the time frame anticipated, it may be necessary to close schools for the day. In these instances, a decision to close may be determined as late as 8:00 a.m. School will be in session only if the bus drivers can safely transport students.



Accelerated Dismissal:

If weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day, an accelerated dismissal may be implemented in the interest of safety. High school students will be dismissed early and middle and elementary level students will be dismissed promptly at the regular dismissal time.

- The high school will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
- The middle school will be dismissed *promptly* at 2:46 p.m. Please be prepared for buses to arrive slightly early at their designated stops.
- The elementary schools will be dismissed *promptly* at 3:15 p.m. Please be prepared for buses to arrive slightly early at their designated stops.
- All afternoon and evening activities will be canceled.
- If necessary, you will receive a separate communication regarding rescheduling of events and/or activities.
- There will be no late bus.



Cancellation of After School Activities:

After school activities may be canceled in the event of inclement weather occurring late in the day. The normal school-day hours and operations will not be impacted. SCOPE will continue as planned, though parents and guardians are asked to pick up their students as soon as feasible.

- Afternoon SCOPE will continue as scheduled.
- All afternoon and evening activities will be canceled unless otherwise noted.
- If necessary, you will receive a separate communication regarding rescheduling of events and/or activities.
- There will be no late bus.



Relocation:

In the event inclement weather conditions impact building conditions, such as interrupted electricity or heat, a relocation may be necessary.

- A communication will be sent out to parents/guardians immediately and additional communications will be sent frequently to keep everyone apprised of the situation.
- During a relocation, there is no process for signing out students until they have arrived at the alternate location. For everyone's safety and so that our relocation operations run smoothly, please refrain from coming to the school building.
- Once students have safely arrived at the alternate location, the instructional day will continue. Parents/guardians will be provided with instructions for picking up and signing out students should they choose to do so.
- Bus transportation home from the alternate location will commence at the regularly scheduled dismissal time.

How You Can Help



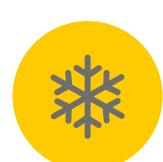
Make sure your child's emergency contact information is up-to-date and accurate.



Please avoid calling the schools so that the phone lines can remain open. If your child's bus is late, please call Transportation at (516) 364-5840 and someone can locate the bus with the equipped GPS tracking.



Have a backup childcare plan if necessary. Review with your child any alternative arrangements you have made in the event inclement weather prevents you from being home or picking up your child.



If your child/children are normally bused home, please do not pick them up at school during inclement weather. The roadways need to be as clear as possible for snow removal purposes.

On occasions when schools must be closed or school openings will be delayed due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, parents will be notified by the District's automated telephone/email/text system, and a message will be posted on the homepage of the District website (www.syossetschools.org) and the Syosset Central School District Facebook page (www.facebook.com/syossetcentralschooldistrict).

Announcements will also be made on News 12, FiOS1 and the following radio stations:

WHLI 1100 AM
WWSK 94.3 FM
WBAB 102.3 FM

WCBS 880 AM
WALK 97.5 FM
WBLI 106.1 FM

WINS 1010 AM
K-98.3 FM
B-103.1 FM

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