



Deer Park families and staff members:

Student safety is always our top priority in Deer Park Schools, so the decision to call off school due to inclement weather begins before our students even start their day. At approximately 3:30 AM, school officials begin analyzing the following information:

- Weather and radar reports and personal observation
- Input from local law enforcement and road crews
- Input from district maintenance, transportation, and snow removal staff
- School personnel drive the roads to determine the condition
- Input and discussions with superintendents from neighboring districts

When all of this information is gathered, the Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor jointly make the decision to close the schools or keep them open for students. Our objective is to make this decision no later than 6 AM. However, it may be necessary where the decision has to be made after that time. Weather conditions can change abruptly, for better or for worse, but our intent is to determine that it is safe for students and staff to attend school.

DELAYED START PROCEDURES

The district also has a plan to use a delayed start rather than canceling school should weather conditions allow for this option. The following is information concerning how the delayed opening will be implemented and a school-specific schedule:

- Once the decision has been made to close schools or delay the opening, the Superintendent will activate our Call-Command Communication System, update via Facebook and Twitter ([@DeerParkSchools](#) and [@DeerParkSuper](#)), our [district website](#), send out an email, and contact local television stations. It is strongly suggested that parents subscribe to the text/email notification systems now offered by the major Cincinnati news stations in order to receive school closing information as soon as it is entered into the system.
- All parents will receive an automated phone call indicating that school has either been cancelled or will open using a delayed start.
- Under a delayed start, all schools will open for operations *exactly* two hours later than their normal schedule. Students that walk to school, drive, or receive rides to school should plan on arriving two hours later unless directed otherwise for special programs.
- Under a delayed start, all schools will offer its regularly planned lunch.
- Under a delayed start, all schools will dismiss at the usual time.
- Under a delayed start, there will be **no** morning kindergarten class.
- Under a delayed start, afternoon kindergarten will start at the regular time.

Again, safety is our highest priority and we strive to make the best possible decision with the information available at the time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the district if you require additional information in this regard.

Sincerely,

Jay Phillips
Superintendent

SCHOOL	DELAYED START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
Holmes Primary	10:15 AM	3:20 PM
Amity Elementary	10:00 AM	3:15 PM
Deer Park Jr./Sr. High School	9:45 AM	3:00 PM