

# Wall Township Public Schools

## School Closings/Delayed Openings/Early Dismissals Information

### 2022-2023

#### **Notification:**

In the event of a delayed opening, early dismissal, or school closing, a call will be placed to each child's home via the *Blackboard Connect* calling system. Additionally, announcements will be available via the following:

- Automated Call and Text
- Web Site: [www.wallpublicschools.org](http://www.wallpublicschools.org)
- Twitter@WallTwpSchools
- Facebook on the Wall Township Public Schools Official Facebook page @ WallTwpSchools

Note: Please do not call Police Headquarters and/or Wall School District offices for school closing information. Telephone lines must be available for emergency communications.

#### **School Closings:**

- It may be necessary to close school due to inclement weather or building emergencies.
- Weather related closings are announced as soon as possible given the conditions and circumstances of the weather events. Every attempt will be made to communicate these decisions by 6:00 am.
- Please note that the school district may announce that schools are closed for the full day after an initial announcement stating a delayed opening.

#### **Delayed School Openings:**

We are often forced to delay school opening because of inclement weather or hazardous road conditions early in the morning. We try to avoid closing an entire day because of these early morning conditions. The following is our procedure for "Delayed School Openings":

1. There will be an announcement that Wall Township Schools are on a 90-minute delayed opening.
2. Transportation will run 90 minutes later. For example, if your child's regular pick-up time is 8:00 AM, then s/he will be picked up at 9:30 AM.
3. Delayed openings only apply to the opening time of full-day students. PM Primary School students report at their normal time on a delayed opening day.
4. AM Primary School is **not** in session on days with delayed openings.
5. If weather/road conditions do not improve during the time of delay, the district may close schools for the full day. Check for further announcements prior to leaving for the bus stop or school.
6. Students who attend the Monmouth County Vocational School District **and** are transported by Wall Public Schools buses are transported on the 90-minute delay schedule, even if the MCVSD is not delayed. Students who arrive late to the vocational schools due to a delayed opening in their home school district are considered "excused" from the class(es) missed. A student who attends a MCVSD and is transported by a bus company other than Wall Township Public School buses must check with the transportation provider to determine transportation times in the event of a delayed opening in Wall and a lack of a delayed opening in the MCVSD.

**Early Dismissal Closing Procedure:**

Once a decision is made to have an early dismissal, a *Blackboard Connect* call will be made to all primary numbers identified in the Genesis portal. As soon as possible after that, students will be bused home in three shifts, as follows:

First Shift	- -	High School Students & Primary School Students
Second Shift	40 minutes later	Intermediate School Students
Third Shift	40 minutes later	Elementary School Students

**High school parents should be aware that our students who have licenses can drive to school, but they do not have to; this is a parental decision. If the roads in your neighborhood are icy, I encourage you to transport your child or have him/her take the bus.**

*Please make certain that your child has specific instructions on what to do if s/he should arrive home and find no one home.*

**Please contact your school building principal with any questions regarding these procedures.**