



DELAY/CLOSING

school guide

Hicksville Public Schools
District-Wide Inclement Weather Plan

2019-2020



The Hicksville Public 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. As a result, before and after school activities may be impacted. These procedures provide important information we hope will be helpful to all members of our school community during events which may delay or close our schools.



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. The Superintendent will make this decision following an evaluation of weather conditions, road and building conditions, and in consultation with the transportation and facilities administrators in order to determine if buses can safely transport students. As a change in normal school operations is timely for staff and students, every effort will be made to arrive at a decision prior to 6:00 a.m.

This information will be posted via email, phone and text to communicate directly with parents and guardians. The information will also be available online and through local media outlets such as radio stations and regional television stations. The following outlines procedures which may be implemented.



School is Closed:

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

- ❖ Morning and afternoon SCOPE will be canceled.
- ❖ All activities before and after school will be canceled.
- ❖ Building activities planned for the day at the school building will be canceled or postponed.
- ❖ If events are to be re-scheduled the school community will be notified.



Two Hour Delay:

A two-hour delay may be implemented in order to provide additional time for the Town to clear roadways and our buildings and grounds staff to clear school property. Weather and road conditions will be monitored closely during the delay to determine if a full day closure may be required.

- ❖ Morning SCOPE will be canceled. Afternoon SCOPE will continue as scheduled. Before school activities will be 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 buses will operate as usual.
- ❖ Afternoon and evening activities will continue as planned unless otherwise indicated.

During a two-hour delay, please continue to monitor the District website for timely updates. If weather conditions deteriorate and/or if the roads are not adequately cleared within the delay period, it may be necessary to close schools for the day. Should this occur, a decision to close may be determined as late as 8:00 a.m. School will be in session only if students can be safely transported.



Cancellation of After School Activities

After school activities may be canceled in the event of inclement weather occurring late in the day. School-day hours will not be affected. SCOPE will operate after school hours. However, parents and guardians will be asked to pick up their children as soon as feasible. 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. The school community will be notified of these cancellations via the district website and robo calls.

- ❖ Afternoon SCOPE will operate 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 buses.



Important Steps for Parents

- ❖ 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) 733-2185** and someone can locate the bus with the equipped GPS tracking.
- ❖ Have a backup childcare plan if necessary. Review with your child any arrangements you have made in the event inclement weather prevents you from being home or picking up your child.
- ❖ Tune into the following television and radio stations for delay and closing information.

news12

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NEW YORK

abc 7
WABC - New York

FOX 5
NEW YORK

Fios 1
NEWS . WEATHER . TRAFFIC

WCBS 880 AM

WINS 1010 AM

WKJOY 98.3FM

- ❖ Also please visit the District website www.hicksvillepublicschools.org and listen for the District's robo calls.