



ESTELL MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The winter season is here! Here at Estell Manor School, we realize that the decision to open or close the school during inclement weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students thrive, both academically and socially, by being in school. However, our top priority will always be the safety of our students.

HOW DO WE MAKE THE DECISION?

We make the decision to open or close school during inclement weather based on a variety of factors, such as:

- Collaboration with local school districts and authorities
- Amount of snow and/or ice accumulated
- Whether the precipitation will continue
- Building conditions
- Weather predictions – we prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate, but sometimes this is unavoidable.
- Communication with city public works

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

School cancellations and announcements will be made on our website www.estellmanorschool.com and via BlackboardConnect, our automatic phone notification system. If you do not believe that you are signed up for our notification system, please call the main office at 609-476-2267. Cancellations will also be announced on the following radio stations: WPUR (107.3 FM), WFBG (1450 AM and 96.9 FM), SOJO (104.9 FM), NJ (101.5 FM and 97.3 FM), KYW1060; and TV stations CBS3, WPVI-TV ABC-6, and NBC10.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

If possible, notification will be made by 6:00am.

WILL WE CLOSE IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

If conditions worsen during the day, we may need to have an early dismissal. We will try to give as much notice as possible. In the case of an unplanned early dismissal, the school will utilize the Emergency Contact Form that all parents/guardians filled out at the beginning of the year. If you have any changes or questions regarding the Emergency Contact Form, please contact the main office. Make sure to have a plan in place for your children in the event of an unexpected early dismissal.

We hope that this information helps everyone understand the process of determining how and when the school closes for inclement weather. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianna C. Abraham".

Dianna C. Abraham
Superintendent

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