

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

Families and staff will be notified as soon as possible when schools and/or the district is closed, or the start of school is delayed for inclement weather. Sometimes, notifications are sent the evening before a potential closure or delay.

Monitor your communications if inclement weather is predicted in our area.

## NOTIFICATION METHODS



### Automated Phone Call

Calls are made to the primary number(s) for each family. Update your phone number in [Qmlativ/Skyward](#).

**Recommendation:** provide a phone number that is not dependent on power.

*Many landlines are now bundled with cable services and do not work during power outages.*



### Email

Be sure your contact information is current in [Qmlativ/Skyward](#). Updated contact information is necessary to receive email notifications.



### Mobile App Notification

Download the Kent School District mobile app from the AppStore or Google Play and enable push notifications.



### District and School Website Alerts

Alerts are posted on Kent School District and school homepages.



### Social Media

Check KSD [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) accounts for updates.



### FlashAlerts

Find information about [FlashAlert](#) on the School Closures webpage to subscribe and receive email messages.



### Local Media

Local media outlets are notified of closures or delays. Check local radio and television stations for updates.



### Text

Be sure your cell phone is updated in [Qmlativ/Skyward](#) to receive a text about closures, delays, or emergencies.

*Staff should check email or connect with their supervisor, HR or labor group for questions about specific duties and changes to schedule due to inclement weather.*

**See page 2 for Safety Tips**

For more information, please visit:

[bit.ly/KSDSchoolClosuresDelays](https://bit.ly/KSDSchoolClosuresDelays) and [bit.ly/KSDEmergencyLimitedTransportation](https://bit.ly/KSDEmergencyLimitedTransportation)



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## SAFETY TIPS



### Caution

Walk and don't run. If you have a lot of items to carry, make multiple trips and avoid carrying heavy loads, or large items that limit visibility.



### Black Ice

Black ice most commonly forms between sunset and sunrise when temperatures are lowest. Look out for dark and glossy pavement, it is likely black ice. Shaded areas and bridges are areas to watch for black ice.



### Ice

Use your car's thermometer to assess outside temperature. If it is below 32 degrees, be careful when exiting your car and walk carefully.



### Parking Stripes

Painted zones tend to be more slippery and freeze when it is cold.



### Pinecones

Be mindful of these seasonal hazards and other obstacles such as wet leaves and pine needles.



### Moss

Moss is common in our area and can be slippery. Be careful when parking and walking in areas that may have moss.



### Footwear

Choose appropriate footwear that can increase grip on icy/snow covered pavement.

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