

HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

(Please file at home for reference.)

TO: All Students/Parents of the Hickory Public Schools

FROM: Dr. Robbie Adell, Superintendent 

DATE: January 2016

The following information will clarify and expand upon the procedures in cases of emergency conditions such as hazardous weather, a natural disaster, or other emergencies.

Parent Link will be used as the emergency notification system for all Hickory Public Schools students. Once an official decision is made, a call will be sent with information concerning any closures or delays. In addition to Parent Link, notifications will be posted on the Hickory Public Schools website, www.hickoryschools.net, the HPS FB page, and will be broadcast on the following radio and television stations:

WAIZ/WNNC Radio AM 630/1230
WPEG Radio FM 97.9
WBTV Channel 3/107.9 FM Radio
WSOC Radio FM 103

WSOC TV Channel 9
WHKY Radio AM 1290
WHKY TV Channel 14
WCNC TV Channel 36

It is requested that you tune in to these stations for emergency messages and refrain from calling the stations, your school, or the superintendent's office as this could impede the notification process. Also, when tuning in to these stations, you should listen for references to school closings, a delayed opening, or an early dismissal, which specifically references Hickory Public Schools. For your reference, the following are some, but not all, messages which may be provided through the above-referenced radio and/or television stations, and website:

EARLY DISMISSAL – Alerts parents of the time school will be dismissed during a regular school day due to emergency conditions.

DELAYED OPENING – A delayed opening, which is usually two hours, is recommended when ice or snow is in evidence in the early morning but clearing roads and improved weather conditions are expected. The delayed opening applies to students. Breakfast will not be served at school when there is a delayed opening.

Note from the Superintendent: As stated in the Hickory Public Schools Student Handbook, "In the event a parent or guardian believes conditions, such as snow or ice that may necessitate a delay, are not safe for the child to go to school, the parent or guardian may choose to keep his or her child at home." Student days lost due to emergency conditions will be made up in accordance with Board of Education policy.

NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORKDAY – No school for students.

NO SCHOOL – Students, teachers, teacher assistants, child nutrition workers, and all other 10-month employees do not report to school/work.

CLOSED – In the event of hazardous weather conditions, a natural disaster, or other emergency, students and all personnel are not expected to report to school/work.

Student days missed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled on optional teacher work days or Saturdays.