

Inclement Weather



Fall - 2017

When the weather outside is frightful...

Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Our community is large enough that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other



areas. South Kitsap School District officials put a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Each time a decision is made, many different interests and issues are taken into consideration; the primary decision factor is student safety. Of course, parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather.

When are decisions made?

School district officials do their best to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the

announcement the night before. In such situations the SchoolMessenger calling system will be used to contact all families and staff at home.

No News is Good News

SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media and post these changes to the home page of the district website. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.

When will my bus come?

Bus routes follow the same schedule as our schools. For example if schools are delayed two hours, bus riders can expect the bus to come approximately two hours late. On the occasion when roads are not passable, the Transportation Department may use alternate stops.



*During severe wind and snow storms,
do we keep schools open or closed?*

**The primary decision factor is
STUDENT SAFETY!**

Take Action!

To insure you are notified of school delays, closures, or other emergencies:



Make sure you are signed up for the following:

- Flash Alert:** This is first place school information is sent. It is the same source that media outlets use to feed the information ticker that runs on the bottom of the screen during a newscast.
Sign up at <https://www.flashalert.net> and review your account each year to ensure that you continue to receive messages.
- Skylert - SMS Messaging:** A new feature in Skyward Family Access but families must "opt in". Please update your information in the Skyward system. Directions are on the next page.
- Monitor Facebook, Twitter, and of course our website**
www.skschools.org

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Skylert - "Opt In" Directions

South Kitsap School District now has the ability to send SMS messaging along with email and phone blasts. This will provide parents with another method to receive important notifications such as school closures, delays, or other emergencies.

1. Log into Skyward Family Access. There is a link on the top of the district website homepage.
2. Click Skylert
3. Update telephone numbers and email addresses
4. Customize notification preferences based on the type of notification:

Emergency: includes information about school closures or other school emergencies such as lock downs. *You may not opt out of receiving these messages on your primary phone number or email address.*

5. Add a text/SMS number (optional) and notification preferences
6. Click Save



Stay informed! Sign up to receive emergency updates from SKSD.

The screenshot shows the 'My Skyward Contact Info' page. Callout 1 points to the 'Skylert' link in the left sidebar. Callout 2 points to the 'Primary Phone' field. Callout 3 points to the notification preference checkboxes. Callout 4 points to the 'Additional Phone' fields. Callout 5 points to the 'Save' button in the top right corner.

Contact Info		Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
* Primary Phone:	(360) 874-7000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With Lukas:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone:	(360) 876-7392	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Email:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family With Lukas:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Contact Info for Family With Lukas

Phone Numbers	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
Additional Phone 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 2:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 3:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 5:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email Addresses	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance	Survey
Additional Email 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Text Message Numbers	Emergency	Attendance	General Announcement	Lunch Balance
Phone 1: (360) 876-7392	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Non-Discrimination Statement

South Kitsap School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, marital status, sexual orientation or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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