

The Holland Patent Central School District has established weather-related protocols regarding school closure, delays, early dismissals, or the cancellation of after school and evening activities. The district uses several methods to communicate this information with parents and community members.

In the event that the district must activate its inclement weather plan, parents and community members will be notified through the following:

- **ParentSquare**. Parents must download the ParentSquare app to be connected to ParentSquare (PS). If you are not receiving district communications through PS, please contact your building secretary. This method is only available to district families and staff.
- The district **website** at www.hpschools.org.
- Local media stations and websites: **WKTV, CNY Homepage, News Channel 9 SYR, WSTM, Syracuse.com, and Spectrum News.**

District Protocols

School Closure

If it is determined that the school cannot safely transport students to school or back home at the end of the day, the Holland Patent CSD will not open. The district will make every attempt to the greatest extent possible to announce a delay or a school closure by 6:00 a.m.

Delayed Start

When conditions warrant, the district may utilize a two-hour delay to the start of the school day. When there is a two-hour delay, the bus will arrive 2 hours later than the usual pickup time. On these days, there will be no morning BOCES and breakfast will not be served. When a two-hour delay is called, the district retains the option to close school for the full day.

Early Dismissal

The district will do its best to avoid early dismissals as we realize this is a hardship for parents/caregivers. However, if weather conditions are expected to deteriorate and warrant an early dismissal, the district will notify parents through the listed channels and as early in the day as possible.

Cancellation of Afterschool and/or Evening Activities

When conditions warrant, the district may need to cancel afternoon and/or evening activities. Decisions about afterschool and evening activities will be made as soon as possible, targeting by 1:30 p.m. and be communicated through the listed channels. The Athletic Director will also inform parents of athletes through ParentSquare.

Wind Chills and Cold Temperatures

As we approach the colder weather, please make sure that all children, including teenagers, have appropriate outerwear every day. Warm jackets, hats, scarves, boots and an extra pair of gloves will protect them. If your child is in need of any of these items, please contact Connected Community Schools:

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