



East Providence School Department


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School Cancellation and Delayed Opening Procedures

- The decision to cancel or to delay the start of school will be made by the Superintendent of Schools by approximately 5:00AM.
- Announcements regarding cancellations, delays or early dismissal will be made through the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association Cancellation System which electronically disseminates the information in real time to all participating radio and television stations for broadcast as well as on their websites for immediate notification to the public. ***Parents, faculty, and students may register online with most radio and television station websites in order to receive a text alert to their cell phone when the school cancellation or delay system is used.***
- Individual telephone notification of delay in school opening or cancellation is made from the district's SkyAlert System. Please ensure that your child's school has accurate and current home telephone numbers on record.
- When announcing a delay in the opening of school, the amount of time in the delay will be indicated along with any other information (for example, a one hour delay; no morning preschool (Early Learning Program at Waddington). If school is delayed for one hour, the start time for employees will be delayed one hour. This time may be needed to shovel walks and plow parking areas (exception would be essential employees).
- Regular bus transportation and special education bus transportation within the city of East Providence will be delayed by the same amount of time. That is, if school is delayed for one hour, busses will be delayed one hour (for example, a student who is picked up at a set time, such as 7:35AM, will be picked up one hour later at 8:35AM).
- All private school and out of district special education busses will follow East Providence cancellations and delays as outline above.
- If there is a delay in opening school, the morning Early Learning Program at Waddington School will be automatically cancelled.


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Superintendent of Schools

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