

School Delayed Opening, Closing, and Early Dismissal

When NRHEG Public Schools experiences inclement weather conditions or some other emergency event, the health and safety of our students and staff is the most important consideration.



Decision-Making Process

The NRHEG Public Schools Superintendent, or designee, will determine when schools and administrative offices observe a delayed opening, closing or early dismissal in emergency situations including inclement weather and dangerous road conditions, based upon recommendations from District personnel and local, county and state agencies. In the event of inclement weather, District personnel will commonly inspect road conditions throughout the impacted counties before decisions about closing school or delays are made.

The Superintendent will obtain information from National Weather Service and other appropriate sources, prior to making a recommendation for delay opening, closing or early dismissal of schools. A decision will be made as early as possible in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff while providing timely notification to parents and staff.

How are school cancellations communicated?

NRHEG Public Schools utilizes the School Messenger (Soon to be JMC) messaging system to personally communicate with parents about weather-related cancellations and delays.

Weather-related closing and delay messages are sent district-wide. Messages are sent early in the morning (by 6:15 am) or at night (by 9:00 pm) notifying parents that schools will be closed or operating on a delay due to inclement weather. Notification of an early dismissal will be made no less than 90 minutes prior to the dismissal.

Information will be posted on the NRHEG website, nrheg.k12.mn.us.

NRHEG Public Schools will continue to use the traditional methods of TV and radio in addition to our website and phone messages. When conditions require school delay, closing or early dismissal, announcements will be given to the following TV and radio stations:

TV Stations

KEYC	KTTC
KARE11	FOX9
WCCO	KIMT3
KSTP5	

Radio Stations

KROC	POWER96
KATE	KATCOUNTRY
KOWZ	KRFO AM
	KDHL

What if bad weather arrives when children are in school?

If severe weather strikes while students are in school, a decision to close school for the remainder of the day may be made. Activating the transportation system due to inclement weather takes time. Parents will be notified of closing details via School Messenger (Soon to be JMC).

What if a delay changes to a closure?

In the event of a delayed opening being changed to a closure, parent will be notified via School Messenger (Soon to be JMC). This information will also be on our website.

Will all after-school activities for students be canceled if school is closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather?

All after-school activities are canceled.

Adult Education classes are canceled. Instructors will inform students about make-up dates.

In the event of a late start due to inclement weather, will all before-school activities be cancelled?

All before-school activities are canceled.

What can parents do to help their students and school prepare?

1. Notify the office of changes to your cell phone, home phone or email.
2. Have a plan of action. Make plans ahead of time and communicate them with your children so they understand what to expect during an early school dismissal due to inclement weather or some other unplanned emergency.
3. The school website will state if it is a "FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAY." In the event of the possibility of inclement weather, students should plan to take their device home the prior day in preparation for the potential of a Flexible Learning Day.
4. Understand that school closings are for the safety of children throughout the district. While the condition of your neighborhood streets may be fine, other areas of the district may be experiencing harsher weather.

Decisions must be made in anticipation of forecasted weather. It is far more dangerous to wait until inclement weather arrives. Sometimes weather events do not develop as predicted. We have a large area to monitor weather conditions as NRHEG Public Schools services the communities of New Richland, Hartland, Ellendale, Geneva and surrounding areas which are located in three counties, Freeborn, Steele and Waseca covering an area of about 235 square miles.