



Weather and Emergency Planning

Contact Information

Each school year, parents/guardians are asked to update emergency contact information including email addresses and phone numbers. **It is crucial that all families update their information via the Parent Portal and also notify the Office.** Information should be updated throughout the year as needed.

School Closings and Delayed Openings

- In the event of an unplanned change in school hours, an automated email, phone message and text will be sent to families, faculty & staff with important updates.
- **Parents must keep the office updated with email and phone number changes in order to be included in the alert system messages.**
- Please note that text messages are limited to 130 characters. All efforts will be made to communicate as clearly as possible. It is not possible to reply to the alert system.
- Updates will also be posted on our website.
- **During inclement weather, please check your home school district's status, as your child's bus may be running on a different schedule.**
- If your school district cancels school and KWS is open, please do not risk driving or sending your child to school – this is an excused absence.

One Hour Delayed Opening

Parent/Child Class & Rosebud Garden will be open.
Grades K-12 arrive 8:40-8:55am
School Begins 9:00am

Two Hour Delayed Opening

Parent/Child Class begins at 10:30
Rosebud-Grade 12 arrive 9:40-9:55am
School Begins 10:00am

Early Dismissal

- School districts who bus to KWS will inform the office when they are sending their buses. Based on the majority of our students' busing pick up time, we will determine our status.
- Please be aware that, due to heavy call volume in the office during these events, your call may not get through the first time.

- It will be assumed that children should use their typical transportation plan home (unless the office is directly contacted by parents with a change in transportation plans).
- Families should have a plan in place if a child arrives home earlier than expected.

Emergency Drills

- Fire drills are held each month.
- Shelter-in-Place drills are held twice a year.
- Teachers prepare students as appropriate to the developmental stage of the students.

Evacuation & Reunification Plan

Emergency Planning: Limerick Generating Station

Our proximity to the Limerick Generating Station requires that we have plans and procedures that we can follow safely in the event of an emergency at Limerick.

Sheltering

In the event of an incident at the Limerick Generating Station which would require sheltering, the school will be notified by Chester County Emergency Services to shelter all students, faculty and staff in place (the High School gym) for the duration of the alert. Should an incident occur requiring sheltering, *please do not come to the school for your child* – the gym doors will not be opened until permission is given by the proper authorities.

Evacuation

In the event of a more serious incident requiring protective evacuation, students will be safely bused directly to our designated host school, West Chester University in West Chester. Listen to FM radio stations WHYY 90.9 or WMGK 102.9 for our status and instructions.

The host school is located along predetermined evacuation routes and close to the mass care centers for the general public. Parents or legal guardians may pick up their children at the West Chester Field House. Directions to the host school building are as follows:

**Seven Stars Road to Hares Hill Road to Rt. 113 South to
Rt. 100 South to High Street (West Chester) to
Rt. 322 Business to South Campus.**

Please drive safely and remember that school staff will remain with students until all are picked up.

After 8pm our host school will be closed, and remaining students will be bused to a designated mass care center located at Downingtown Area Senior High School (on Manor Avenue, Rt. 322 in Downingtown). At this facility students will be provided shelter and food, awaiting parent/guardian arrival. This facility is operated by the Red Cross. Children will be released only to parents or legal guardians unless prior written arrangements have been

made by completing the attached Parent Authorization for Student Pick-Up form designating who can pick up your child.

Please ensure the KWS Parent Authorization for Student Pick-Up information is updated and received by the office each year by the first day of school. The KWS Parent Authorization for Student Pick-Up information covers all emergency school closing scenarios such as early dismissals due to weather or any other unforeseen reasons. If we do not have your updated information in the office, STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED ONLY TO THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND STUDENT DRIVERS WILL NOT BE RELEASED DURING AN EMERGENCY. Thank you for your cooperation.

