

# How Do I Find Out If School Is Closed?

## School Closings, Delayed Openings and Early Dismissals

The decision to close schools due to weather is made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the Assistant Superintendent for Business, after checking with Accuweather forecasts, local highway authorities, bus companies, and other school districts in Rockland County. Notifications for a school closing or delay, as listed below, normally take place by 6 a.m. In the event of a delayed opening and the weather does not improve, check again for a possible change to closing. Any delayed openings result in corresponding delays in transportation for both public and private school students transported by the district.

### *On the Web*

Our district website is [www.pearlriver.org](http://www.pearlriver.org). Any closing, delay or early dismissal will be posted on the district & school websites.

### *Television*

Watch: News 12 & Fox 5 News

### *Via SchoolMessenger*

In the event of a school closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, the district will communicate with parents through our notification system SchoolMessenger. The system utilizes **phone calls, email messages, and text messages** as a means of broadcasting important information. Parents are automatically enrolled to receive phone calls and emails using their contact data in their eSchoolData Parent Portal account. It is also important to keep current the list of other adults you approve to pick up your child in the event of an early dismissal. Regarding texts, wireless carriers require verification that a parent has agreed to receive SMS (text) messages on their cell phone. The SchoolMessenger system will send a verification code to a parent's cell phone which they must reply with a 'Y'. Parents who do not reply will not receive text messages from Pearl River School District. Parents who are unsure if they have opted-in can text 'Y' to short code 67587 from their cell phone. **Stay informed: please ensure your contact information is current in the Parent Portal!**

### *Emergency Response Procedures for Parents*

The safety of PRSD students and staff is our number one priority. PRSD works closely with police, health, and other safety officials to ensure our preparedness in the event of an emergency. We review and update our Emergency Response Plan regularly, conduct fire and shelter drills, and provide training to our faculty and staff. In the event of an emergency, it is essential that we have full cooperation of all involved. These guidelines will assist parents in knowing what to do in the event of a school emergency: [Emergency Response Procedures for Parents](#)

### *Elementary Emergency Dismissal Plan*

In the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, the district will communicate with parents through the SchoolMessenger system. The transportation system will operate as usual, with the exception that, for dismissals at or before 11:30 AM, all children will go home on their morning buses. Please talk with your child(ren) and/or other parents and neighbors about a plan specific to an adult not being able to get home. It is always important that children know what to do and where to go if a parent is not at home when they get there. **Since an early dismissal may result in a change of plans for your child, please be sure to update the your schools' Emergency Dismissal Action plan each school year. Please reach out to your child's school office with questions:**

Evans Park: 845-620-3950 Franklin Avenue: 845-620-3965 Lincoln Avenue: 845-620-3850