

2015-16 Weather Delay Schedule for Identified Schools

In an effort to increase student safety during winter months, Denver Public Schools has introduced a Weather Delay Schedule for Identified Schools that will delay schools that start at or after 8:30 a.m. for 1 hour. All other schools operate on normal schedules.

When the delay schedule is called, it means we believe our school buses can safely transport students. However, because of the weather, we expect delays. We want our bus drivers to have time to safely transport students to schools with earlier starting times, then return and safely transport students to schools with slightly later starting times. To learn more, please visit weather.dpsk12.org.

If a Weather Delay Schedule is Implemented:



- Morning school buses will run on the delay schedule for identified schools and begin pick-ups at bus stops one hour later than the normal pick-up time. (Example: If your morning school bus pick-up time is 7:55 a.m., your bus will pick up at 8:55 a.m.)
- Students walking, biking, carpooling or taking RTD are encouraged to leave home one hour later than they would normally leave for school.
- ECE & Kindergarten: Morning (A.M.) kindergarten will run in accordance with the delay. Afternoon (P.M.) kindergarten students will attend school and have bus service on their normal schedule.
- Breakfast will still be served to students as they arrive to school.



If All DPS Schools Close Due to Severe Weather:

- DPS Transportation Department will not run any buses.
- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.
- All after-school activities, including middle and high school sports, are canceled.



If DPS Schools Remain Open During Severe Weather:

- The district will monitor the weather throughout the day to ensure student safety.
- All required transportation will be provided. However, services may be modified to ensure the safety of students and drivers.
- Traffic conditions may add extra travel time en route to and from school, special activities or programs.
- If severe weather begins during the school day, DPS may decide that early dismissal is required.
- After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, etc.) may be changed or canceled.

HOW YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED:

To ensure you are informed of a weather delay or school closure, we have implemented a new communication process. In the event of inclement weather, **district officials will make a decision by 5 a.m.**

DPS Website & Social Media Updates

If the decision is made to close or delay school, an announcement will be **posted immediately** on the district homepage at www.dpsk12.org, on [Facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools) and via [Twitter @DPSNewsNow](https://twitter.com/DPSNewsNow).

Local Television & Radio

Local television and radio stations will be notified. Notifications in Spanish will be made on radio newscasts on 1150 AM, 1280 AM and 1090 AM.

DPS Hotlines

A message will be left on the district closure hotline (720) 423-3200 and DPS Transportation hotline at (720) 423-4600.

Bus Bulletin

Students who ride the yellow school bus will be notified of a weather delay by Bus Bulletin, a program that notifies families of transportation-eligible students regarding their student's yellow school bus service. Families will be notified when buses are running more than 15 minutes late due to an emergency or weather delay by text message, email and voice notifications on their mobile or home phone. To learn more, visit <http://transportation.dpsk12.org/safety/bus-bulletin>.

Weather Delay Schedule FAQ

What is the new weather delay start schedule?

The weather delay schedule is for schools whose start times are 8:30 a.m. or later. When a delay schedule is announced, these schools will start one hour later for all students. School ending times are not affected.

What is the purpose of the weather delay schedule?

The goal for this delay schedule is to provide buses an additional 60 minutes to access schools that start at 8:30 a.m. or later.

Which schools are impacted by the weather delay schedule?

Northfield High School	Edison	Place Bridge Academy
Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy	Escalante-Biggs Academy	Polaris Program at Ebert
Academia Ana Maria Sandoval	Fairview	Sabin World Elementary School
Asbury	Garden Place Academy	Southmoor
Beach Court	Gust	Stedman
Bradley International School	Hallett Fundamental Academy	Stephen Knight ECE Center
Bromwell	Joe Shoemaker School	Swigert International School
Brown International Academy	Kaiser	Traylor Fundamental Academy
Carson	Knapp	University Park
Castro	Lena Archuleta	Valdez
CMS Community School	Lincoln	Westerly Creek
Columbian	Montclair	
Cory	Palmer	
Denison Montessori	Pascual LeDoux Academy	

Will all schools in the district follow the weather delay schedule?

No, only identified schools with a morning bell time of 8:30 a.m. or later will be affected by the weather delay schedule. If a school regularly starts before 8:30 a.m., it will not be impacted by the weather delay schedule and will start at its normal time.

Why delay schools that start later, instead of those that start earlier?

When we make the call to use the delay schedule, it means we believe that our school buses can safely transport students. However, because of the weather, we do expect delays. On these mornings, our mechanics and drivers report to work early to ensure they're able to start their first student pick-ups on time. As the first round of students are picked up, delays are likely to occur, and we don't want students with later starting times waiting in severe weather. The delayed start allows our drivers time to drop off the first round of students and then return to safely pick up and transport the next round of students without worrying that these students are outside in inclement weather.

What if my children attend a charter school?

While many charter schools follow the district's schedule, not all do. Please check with your individual charter school on how they communicate their decisions about weather closures or delays.

What if I need to get to work - can I still drop my child off at school at the regular time?

Yes. Leaders in impacted schools are expected to open their school doors at the normal starting time in case parents need to drop their kids off to get to work. All district maintenance, cafeteria, central office and school support staff are expected to report to work at their regular times during a delayed start.

How are Kaleidoscope Corner programs affected by the weather delay schedule?

Kaleidoscope Corner programs will open at their regular times and will keep students through the delay. Please remember that Kaleidoscope Corner can only serve their enrolled students.

For more information, including a video about the factors DPS considers in closing or delaying school and to see documents in multiple languages, please visit weather.dpsk12.org.