

Severe Weather Dismissal: In the event of severe/dangerous weather, DCSD safety protocols require that we initiate a **Lighting Dismissal/ Severe Weather Dismissal**. This means that for safety reasons, we will hold all students inside the building until the storm has passed. Please be aware that anytime there is lightning within 8 miles* of the school, we are required to initiate a **"Lighting Dismissal/Severe Weather Dismissal"**.

Dismissal Procedure

Students will remain supervised in either their classrooms, or in designated shelter in place rooms. Parents/guardians/emergency contacts are permitted to enter the building, **with an ID,** and be directed to your student's classroom to sign students out from the classroom teacher and safely escort their child home. Siblings under the age of 18 are not permitted to pick up/escort students home. Walkers/ bike riders/ bus riders will be released to go home when the lighting is no longer within an 8 mile radius for at least 30 min.

How will I know: Parents will receive notification via e-mail and text alerts that a severe weather dismissal has been called. Please be aware that due to a high call volume, communication can be delayed. Parents may also utilize the "Weather Bug" App to monitor lightning in the area.

For more detailed information, and frequently asked questions, please click here: Severe Weather Dismissal Process



Inclement Weather and school:

SNOW DAY/DELAYED START: The decision to close, delay or keep a school open during inclement weather is never taken lightly. We always keep the safety of our students, staff, and parents top of mind. Factors including snowfall, wind chill, road conditions and more are all taken into consideration. While conditions can vary across our district, many of our families and staff travel across the district to get to school, so closure decisions generally apply to the entire school district (unless otherwise indicated).

Please watch this video to learn more about what goes into a snow day decision. You can also find more information on our website.

Should a snow day or delay be called, we send an email and text to our families and staff (generally no later than 5 am), and we also post the information on the DCSD website, social media channels, and local news stations. If you don't hear from us, then school is open as normal (if you attend a DCSD charter school be sure to check in with them for their status).

DELAYED START: When DCSD is on a 90-minute delay, all schools begin 90-minutes after their regular start times.
Bear Canyon will open the doors to receive students at 10:00am and the school day begins at 10:10am. Fridays: 10:45am-1st bell, 10:55am-Tardy bell.

Bus routes are also delayed by 90-minutes, so students should plan to be picked up one and a half hours later than normal. DCSD before school care (BASE) also begins 90-minutes later than normal. During a delay, morning preschool programs are canceled. Dismissal times remain the same.