



## **Dobbs Ferry Emergency Closure Days**

When inclement weather, power outages, lack of heat, or other conditions create risks to the health and safety of students and staff, it may be necessary to delay the opening of schools or close them for the day.

### **Decision-Making Process**

We determine delays, closures, or early dismissals by:

1. Reviewing multiple weather models for our local area as well as eastern Connecticut, northern Westchester/Putnam, and Rockland/Orange Counties
2. Consulting with regional experts
3. Coordinating with neighboring school districts

Additional considerations:

- Many staff members live in surrounding regions. If schools in those areas close, travel or childcare limitations may prevent staff from reporting to work, and we may need to close as a result.
- Because our elementary and out-of-district transportation is provided by Ardsley, we must also close when Ardsley closes.

### **Communication**

Families will be notified of delays or closures by **6:00 AM**. When possible, we will share decisions the evening before to support childcare planning.

If a delay is announced, we will specify when a final decision on opening or closing will be made.

Notifications are sent via text message, phone call, and email to all contacts in our system. Information is also posted on the district website, social media, and shared with local media outlets.

### **Facilities Use**

When schools are closed, **all** activities—including practices, games, club meetings, the Springhurst afterschool program, and community events—are cancelled.

## **Emergency Closure Days**

The district calendar includes **four emergency closure days** each year. Once those are used, any additional closures will require us to convert previously scheduled vacation days, as indicated on the school calendar.